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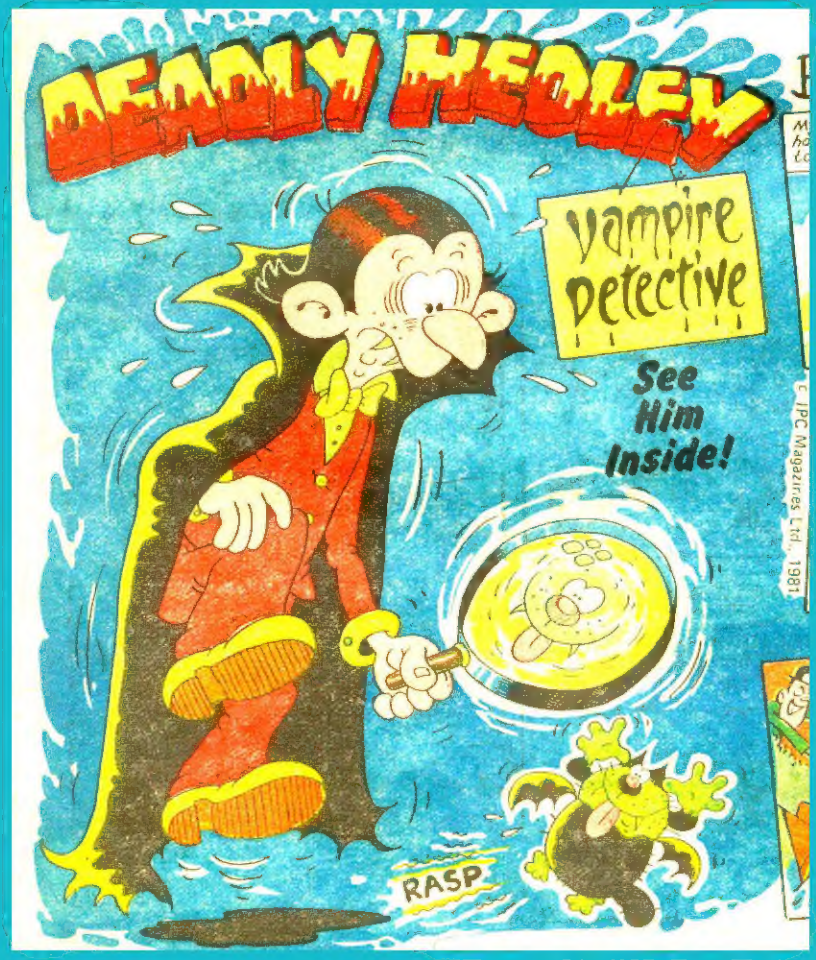
Vampire Detective



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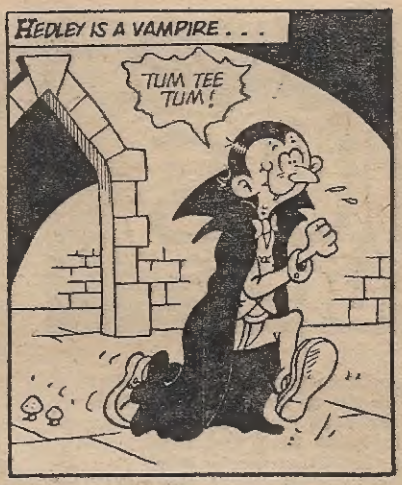
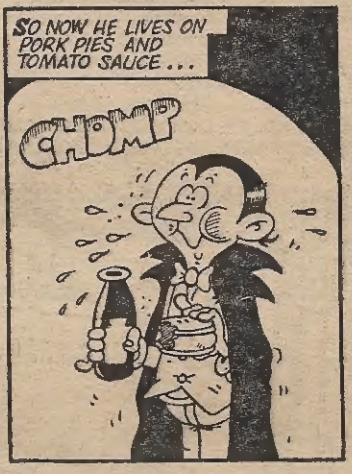
STARTS TODAY!


HEDLEY IS A VAMPIRE . . .
TUM TEE TUM!

HE LIVES AT NO. 13 HORRORNATION ST. IN TRANSYLVANIA... A SUBURB OF LIVERPOOL...

HE SHARES THE HOUSE WITH HIS AUNT HARRIET, A RETIRED ZOMBIE . . .
GIGGLE!

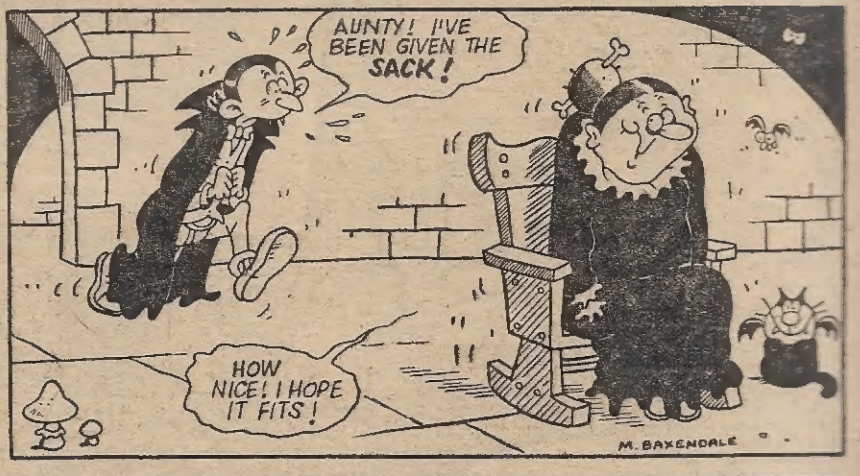
AS VAMPIRES GO, HEDLEY IS NOT A BAD CHAP. HE DECIDED LONG AGO THAT BITING PEOPLE WASN'T MUCH FUN . . .
AAAH! LUVLY!
SNIFF

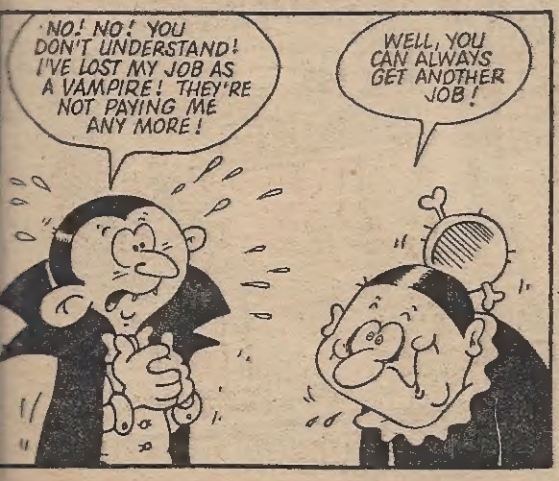

SO NOW HE LIVES ON PORK PIES AND TOMATO SAUCE . . .
CHOMP

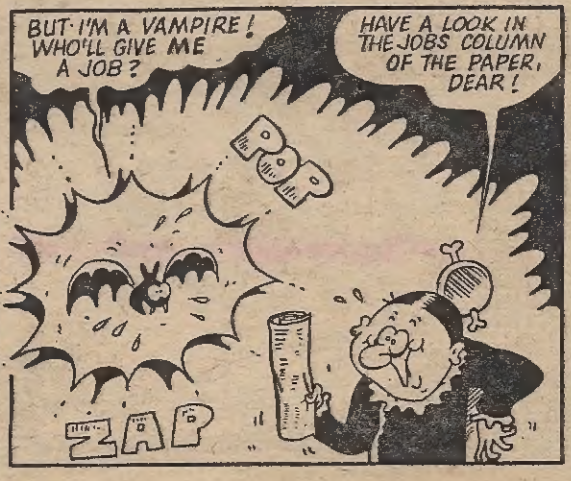
ONE MORNING . . .
AH! THE POST'S ARRIVED!
PLOP

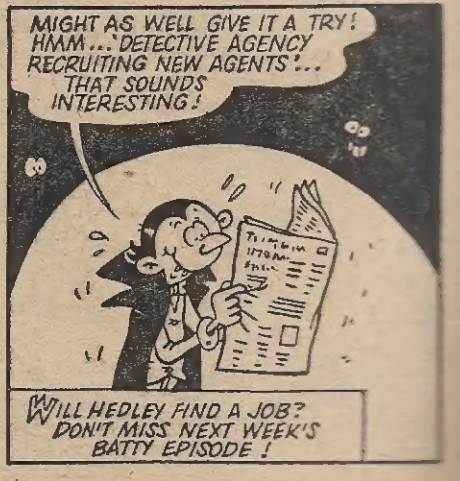
THIS IS A LETTER FROM THE T.U.C. * . . . WONDER WHAT THEY WANT?
* FOOTNOTE: T.U.C.= TRANSYLVANIAN UNION OF CREATURES

OH NO! I'VE BEEN SACKED FROM THE CREATURES' UNION FOR NOT TERRORISING PEOPLE! AND THEY'RE NOT PAYING MY VAMPIRE'S ALLOWANCE ANY MORE!
DEAR SIR, IT HAS COME TO OUR NOTICE THAT
UNION H.Q.


AUNTY! I'VE BEEN GIVEN THE SACK!
HOW NICE! I HOPE IT FITS!
M. BAXENDALE


NO! NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE LOST MY JOB AS A VAMPIRE! THEY'RE NOT PAYING ME ANY MORE!
WELL, YOU CAN ALWAYS GET ANOTHER JOB!

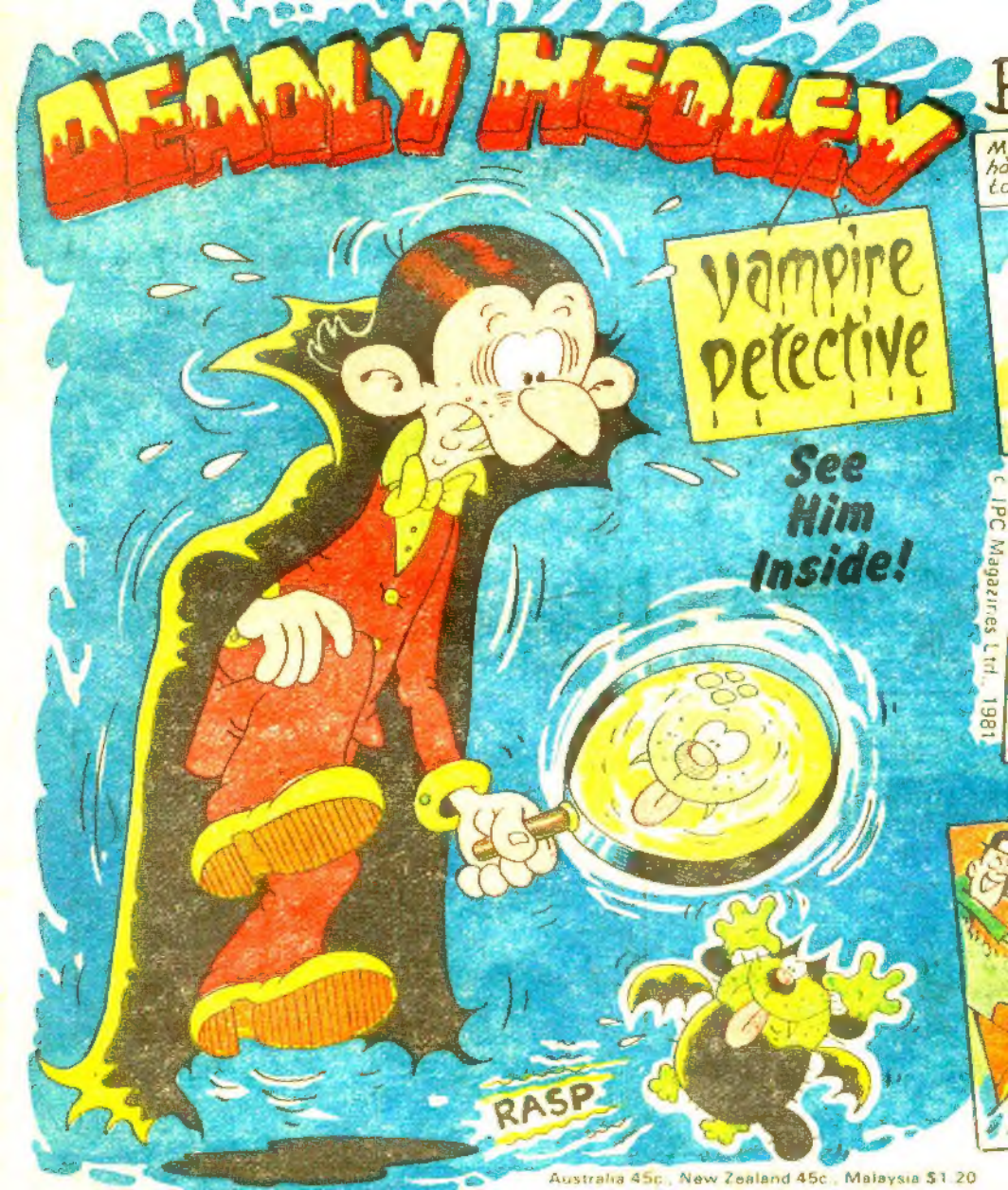

BUT I'M A VAMPIRE! WHO'LL GIVE ME A JOB?
HAVE A LOOK IN THE JOBS COLUMN OF THE PAPER, DEAR!
POP
ZAP


MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IT A TRY! HMM... 'DETECTIVE AGENCY RECRUITING NEW AGENTS'... THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING!
WILL HEDLEY FIND A JOB? DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S BATTY EPISODE!

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
HEDLEY IS APPLYING FOR A JOB AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE . . .
DIRE MR STINKERTON, CAN I HAVE A JOB, PLEASE? FANG YOU VERY MUCH . . .
SKRITCH SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SOME DAYS LATER HE GETS A REPLY . . .
AUNTIE! THE DETECTIVE AGENCY WANT TO INTERVIEW ME FOR A JOB!
I HOPE IT WON'T HURT, DEAR!
IF LOST RETURN TO:
AUNTY HARRIET (SHE'S A RETIRED ZOMBIE)
I'M SO NERVOUS, I'VE CHANGED INTO A VAMPIRE BAT AGAIN!
TRY NOT TO DO THAT AT THE INTERVIEW!
ZAP
PLEASE FEED EVERY 2 HRS
POP
I DON'T NEED ALL THIS GEAR! I'M A VAMPIRE— RAIN WILL GO STRAIGHT THROUGH ME!
NOT TODAY, DEAR! TODAY YOU'LL ACT LIKE ONE OF THOSE NICE HUMANS!
SO, OFF TO THE INTERVIEW . . .
CRUMBS! I'M SO NERVOUS!
ZAP
PUFF
?
I STILL KEEP TURNING INTO A BAT!
DETECTIVE AGE
THERE'S THE DETECTIVE AGENCY!
CRUMBS! MUSTN'T GET NERVOUS AND CHANGE INTO A BAT . . . SIGH! . . . MUSTN'T GET NERVOUS AND— AND . . .
MR STINKERTON WILL SEE YOU NOW, SIR!
RECEPTION
AH, MR HEDLEY— DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE GOOD AT CATCHING CROOKS? EH?
ERR . . . WELL . . YES, SIR . . .
BEING EVER SO IMPORTANT
EVER SO NERVOUS
RIGHT! YOU'VE GOT THE JOB!
THUD
MR HEDLEY? ARE YOU OKAY?
?
BLITHER!
OUT COLD WITH SHOCK
M. BAXENDALE

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
AUNTY! I GOT THE JOB! I'VE BEEN GIVEN MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT!
I HOPE IT MATCHES YOUR SOCKS, DEAR!
SOMEONE IS NICKING SECRET PLANS FROM THE TRANSYLVANIAN EMBASSY AN' I HAVE TO CATCH HIM! MR STINKERTON SAYS IT'S RIGHT UP MY STREET!
ZOMBIES RULE O.K.
I THOUGHT IT WAS ACROSS TOWN?
BETTER GET TO WORK. BYE-BYE... MUST FLY!
DON'T BE LATE! I WORRY WHEN YOU ARE OUT AFTER MID-DAY!
IF LOST, RETURN TO TRANSYLVANIA CEMETERY
INSTANT CHANGE TO VAMPIRE BAT
AT THE EMBASSY...
COME IN, MR HEDLEY!
BUTLER
TRANSYLVANIAN EMBASSY AND CATS HOME
GOOD EVILLING, MR HEDLEY... I'M THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRANSYLVANIA!
I'M HERE TO CATCH THE SECRET PLAN THIEF! EXCITING, ISN'T IT!
INDEED! WE MUST NOT LOSE THESE ULTRA-SECRET PLANS!
POP
STOP STREET
CLICK
THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT!
AND SOMEONE HAS SNATCHED MY PLANS!
THE PLANS— GONE!
CLUE
DON'T WORRY!
M Boxendale
CAN YOU SPOT THE CLUE, READERS?
YAP
WATCH THIS!
THE THIEF IS CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A FILING CABINET!
THUNK
AAAGH!
CLEVER, EH? NO PRIME MINISTER WOULD SUSPECT HIS OWN CABINET!
GROAN! NEXT WEEK'S EPISODE IS EVEN WORSE... DON'T MISS IT, FOLKS!

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
AH, HEDLEY— THEY NEED A STORE DETECTIVE AT THE WOBBLYWAYS SUPERMARKET!
NABBING SHOP-LIFTERS, EH?
IT'S EASY TO GET THERE... JUST TAKE THE FIRST LEFT, SECOND RIGHT, LEFT THEN RIGHT AGAIN, AND LEFT...
?
BAH! IT'S MILES THROUGH THE BACK STREETS!
POP
BUT IT'S ONLY HALF A MILE AS THE VAMPIRE BAT FLIES!
INSTANT CHANGE TO VAMPIRE BAT
WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN FLY? THIS MUST BE IT!
SUPERMARKET
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
?
BETTER REPORT TO THE MANAGER!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
TUM-TEE-TUM
CRIKEY— A SHOPLIFTER! HE'S WALKING OUT WITH A SACKFUL OF GOODIES WITHOUT PAYING!
FLAP FLAP
EXIT
I'LL SCARE HIM WITH MY EVIL VAMPIRE ACT— IT EVEN SCARES ME!
HA-HAARGH!
!
HELP! I'M BEING ATTACKED BY A LOONIE DRESSED UP LIKE A VAMPIRE!
TAKE THAT, YOU SHOP-LIFTER!
BOP
M. Barendale
I'M NO SHOPLIFTER— I'M THE MANAGER! I WAS THROWING OUT OLD FOOD, YOU TWIT!
OH, NO!
SUPERMARKET
MORE MIRTHFUL MISTAKES NEXT ISSUE, CHUMS!



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DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
HEDLEY WAS GOING HOME AFTER A DAY AT THE OFFICE...
..I'M NOT A REF OR A CRICKET UMPIRE— I'M DEADLY HEDLEY THE DREADED VAMPIRE...
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY CAR PARK
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
LIKE HEDLEY'S BIKE, FOLKS!
30 SECONDS LATER...
VROOM
CAR PARK
HMM! THAT CAR HAS BEEN BEHIND ME FOR AGES! I WONDER IF I'M BEING FOLLOWED?
VRUUM
HE MUST BE FOLLOWING ME! FAMOUS DETECTIVES ARE ALWAYS BEING FOLLOWED! I'LL SPEED UP!
ZOOM
MUST HAVE LOST HIM BY NOW!
ZOOM
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
YIKES! HE MUST HAVE TAKEN A SHORT CUT!
VROOM
VROOM
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME!
RATTLE
CLANK
LET'S SEE HIM FOLLOW ME THIS WAY! CACKLE!
VROOM
SPLOSH
THANKS TO MY VAMPIRE POWERS I CAN STAY UNDER-WATER FOR AGES! I'LL COME UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER!
THAT SHOULD'VE SHAKEN... OH, NO— HE'S AHEAD OF ME!
VROOOM
VROOOM
DRIP
DRIP
HOW DID YOU GET AHEAD OF ME?
I DROVE ACROSS THE BRIDGE, DUMMY!
I'M ARTHUR THE CAR PARK ATTENDANT AT STINKERTONS— YOU LEFT YOUR BICYCLE CLIPS BEHIND!
!
DRIP
DRIP
OH, GOOD GRIEF!
M. Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
AUNTY HARRIET HAS GONE TO EGYPT TO VISIT A SICK MUMMY. SO HEDLEY'S ON HIS OWN AT HOME...
IT SAYS IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THERE'S A FURNITURE THIEF IN THE TOWN!
THERE'S A £1000 REWARD— I COULD DO WITH THAT!
THAT NIGHT, POSTERS BEGAN APPEARING ROUND THE TOWN...
New Showhouse opens tomorrow! THE LATEST FURNITURE ON DISPLAY at 13 HORRORNATION STREET
NEXT DAY, HEDLEY'S ABOUT TO OPEN HIS 'SHOWHOUSE'...
THE FURNITURE THIEF IS BOUND TO TURN UP FOR MY PHONEY EXHIBITION! I'LL NAB HIM WHEN HE NICKS SOMETHING!
M. Barendale
CRUMBS— WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE!
IT'S OPEN!
SHOW HOUSE
MEANWHILE, ROUND THE CORNER...
WHILE EVERYONE'S AT THAT CRUMMY EXHIBITION, I'LL RAID THIS HOUSE ROUND THE CORNER!
AND BACK WITH HEDLEY...
WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH! LOOK AT THIS TATTY CURTAIN, HENRY!
YES, DEAR..
PROD
I'LL HIDE BEHIND HERE AND WATCH FOR THE THIEF—
AAGH! MIN THAT BROLL — YOU'VE PUSHED ME OUT OF THE WINDOW!
HELP!
LUCKILY FOR HEDLEY, THE FURNITURE THIEF WAS PASSING BY BELOW WITH A CHAIR!
TUM-TEE-TUM!
SPLAT
JUST THEN AUNTY HARRIET RETURNED..
HEDLEY! WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON THAT POOR MAN?
I SEEM TO HAVE CAUGHT THIS THIEF!
AND WHAT ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE DOING IN OUR HOUSE? I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR A MINUTE... NAG... NAG NAG...
SIGH! MAYBE SHE'LL CHEER UP WHEN I TELL HER ABOUT THE REWARD!

A message from our vampire detective: 'Fangs' for 21 years of 'Batty' fun!

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
ONE OF OUR MEN CAUGHT LITTLE FRENCH FREDDIE ROBBING A BANK! ESCORT HIM TO THE POLICE STATION, HEDLEY!
YESSIR!
BUT OUTSIDE...
ZE BUZZ OFF, FANG-FACE!
OWCH!
BOOT
'BYE 'BYE! I 'AVE TO FLY!
RATS! HE'S ESCAPING!
ZOOM
I MUST FLY, TOO — LUCKY I CAN CHANGE INTO A BAT!
ZAP
FLAP
I'M OVERHEAD... NOW TO CHANGE BACK!
'OO SAID ZAT?
SPLAT
THESE HANDCUFFS WILL HOLD YOU!
GRAAGH!
CLINK
THE ONLY KEY IS AT THE COP SHOP SO YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME!
DRAT! FOILED!
POOH! WHAT'S THAT GHASTLY PONG ON YOUR BREATH?
GARLIC— WE FRENCHIES EAT IT ALL ZE TIME!
ZE CRIKEY- 'E 'AS FAINTED! NOW TO ESCAPE!
URGH! WE VAMPIRES CAN'T STAND GARLIC!
SWISH
BAH! IF ONLY I HAD BREATHED ZE GARLIC ON HIM BEFORE HE PUT ZE HANDCUFFS ON ME!
POLICE STATION
DRAG
DRAG
HEH, HEH! I DIDN'T RECKON ON YOU TAKING ME TO THE COP SHOP!

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DEADLY HEDLEY

vampire detective

SWOOP

THE MAIL'S ARRIVED, BOSS!

SPLUTTER!

STOP SWOOPING AROUND SCARING ME, YOU IDIOT!

GLURK!

AND STOP CHANGING INTO A BAT WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!

POP

HERE— TAKE THIS CASH AND HAVE A HOLIDAY BEFORE YOU DRIVE ME MAD!

FLAP FLAP

COO, TA!

SO THAT NIGHT, HEDLEY AND HIS AUNTY HEAD FOR THE SEASIDE...

AND NEXT DAY...

PHEW! I NEED ALL THIS GEAR TO KEEP THE SUN OFF MY DELICATE VAMPIRE SKIN!

LICK

SWELTER

?

NEVER MIND! IT'LL BE DARK SOON!

!

AND THAT NIGHT...

THIS IS BETTER! NOTHING LIKE A NICE BIT OF **MOONBATHING!**

AUNTY! LOOK! THERES SOMEONE IN THE WATER!

WE ARE HERE! HELP ME MIT ZE CRATES!

FROGMEN! TWO OF THEM! THEY MUST HAVE COME FROM A SUBMARINE!

OUR PLAN TO DESTROY BRITAIN WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION!

SPIES!

WILL HEDLEY FOIL THE FIENDISH FROGMEN? DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE!

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
HEDLEY AND HIS AUNTY WERE ON HOLIDAY WHEN THEY DISCOVERED SPIES SMUGGLING SOMETHING ASHORE AT NIGHT...
ALL ZE STUFF IS HERE NOW!
SPIES!
WE WILL DUMP ZESE BUGGED CRICKET BATS IN CLUBS ALL OVER BRITAIN!
ZE TOP BRASS PLAY CRICKET SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO THEM TALKING AND LEARN ALL THEIR SECRETS!.
GULP! HOW CAN I STOP THEM?
I COULD SCARE 'EM WITH MY GHASTLY, SCAREY VAMPIRE ACT...
...NO! EVERYONE LAUGHS AT ME WHEN I TRY TO BE SCAREY! I'LL CHANGE INTO A BAT AND FLY OFF FOR HELP!
POP
BOP BOP
BUT THAT WOULD LEAVE POOR OLD AUNTY AT THEIR MERCY!
WHERE IS AUNTY, ANYWAY? AUNTY?
POP
CRIKEY! SHE'S CLOBBERING THE SPIES WITH THEIR OWN BATS!
BOP BOP
TAKE THAT! GIGGLE!
M Barsindale
WELL DONE, AUNTY! YOU SCARED 'EM OFF AND SAVED BRITAIN!
RUN! THERE'S A MAD ZOMBIE ON ZE LOOSE!
MEANWHILE, HEDLEY'S BOSS, MR STINKERTON, IS RELAXING...
THINGS ARE SO PEACEFUL WITH HEDLEY ON HOLIDAY!
FOREIGN SPIES WERE LAST NIGHT...
...CAUGHT SMUGGLING BUGGED BATS INTO BRITAIN BY PRIVATE DETECTIVE, DEADLY HEDLEY! MR HEDLEY TOLD POLICE...
HEDLEY DID THAT? AARGH! I CAN'T EVEN GET ANY PEACE WHEN HE'S ON HOLIDAY!

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
I WANT YOU TO MEET THE REFRIGIAVIAN AMBASSADOR AT THE AIRPORT, AND ACT AS HIS BODYGUARD, HEDLEY!
OKAY!
SOON...
ARE YOU MY BODYGUARD? I AM AMBASSADOR BLOBNIOFF!
I'M DEADLY HEDLEY!
SUDDENLY AN ASSASSIN LEAPT OUT...
UP ZE REVOLUTION!
BAM
AAGH! AN ASSASSIN!
PING
PING
PING
BRRAT
BAM
BAM
OH DEAR! WHAT A NUISANCE!
BLAT
KEEP OFF THE GRASS
I AM USED TO ASSASSINS! I HAVE A BULLET-PROOF VEST ON!
I'LL GO TO MY EMBASSY NOW, MR HEDLEY!
CRUMBS! YOU DON'T NEED A BODY-GUARD!
BUT THEN...
UP ZE REVOLUTION!
BAM
ZE DRAT! ANOTHER OF ZEM!
CLEAR ZE OFFSKI! SILLY LITTLE ASSASSIN!
HE DOESN'T NEED ME!
BOUNCE
THEN...
AAGH! A FLY! I HATE ZEM! VE HAF NO FLIES IN MY COLD COUNTRY! ZEY SCARE ME!
LUCKY WE VAMPIRES LUV FLIES!
BUZZ
BUZZ
LUVLY! SLURP!
GRAB
SLURP
PHEW!
YOU ARE ZE BEST BODYGUARD I 'AVE EVER HAD, MR HEDLEY!
SLURP
BUZZ
BUZZ
M Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
BAH! I'VE AN URGENT MEETING AT OUR OTHER OFFICE, AND MY CAR'S BROKEN DOWN!
I KNOW A SHORT CUT, MR STINKERTON!
BOOT
GREAT! IF YOU GET ME THERE IN TEN MINUTES, THERE'LL BE SOMETHING EXTRA IN YOUR PAY PACKET THIS WEEK!
WOW!
SO...
POP
THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE HEDGE FIRST!
PITY! I CAN'T CHANGE INTO A TINY BAT, TOO!
FLAP
FLAP
HOVER
WRIGGLE SQUIRM
AND YOU KNOW I CAN'T FLY ACROSS MUDDY FIELDS LIKE YOU! I'M GETTING FILTHY!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
COME ON! HURRY UP!
OOF! PHEW!
NOW OVER THIS WALL!
FLAP
FLAP
THROUGH THIS OLD TUNNEL, AND WE'RE THERE!
POP
GROAN!
OWCH! OW! I KEEP BUMPING INTO THE WALL!
I FORGOT YOU CAN'T SEE IN THE DARK, LIKE ME!
BUMP
THUD
YOU IDIOT! LOOK AT THE STATE I'M IN AFTER ALL THAT! I CAN'T GO INTO A MEETING LOOKING LIKE A SCARECROW!
BUT I GOT YOU HERE ON TIME, SIR!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
DON'T FORGET TO PUT THAT SOMETHING EXTRA IN MY WAGE PACKET, SIR!
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T!
M Baxendale
AND ON PAY DAY, HEDLEY GOT SOMETHING EXTRA IN HIS PAY PACKET ALL RIGHT!
OH, NO! A BILL FOR REPLACING OLD STINKERTON'S CLOTHES!
—BILL— for ruined clothes:
SUIT 150
SHIRT 20
SHOES 60
TOTAL £230

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
ONE DAY IN THE STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY..
WATCH OUT FOR THIS ESCAPED CONVICT - PUNCHER PALOOGA!
OKAY. I'LL TRY THE AIRPORT!
AND SO...
BATWICK AIRPORT
DEPARTURE GATE
TUM TEE TUM!
STROLL
IT'S HIM. PUNCHER!
I'LL FOLLOW HIM WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!
HMM... I'M BEING FOLLOWED! RIGHT...
OWCH! SO THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM PUNCHER!
I DON'T LIKE BEIN' TAILED!
POW!
THEN...
'SCUSE ME! I'M BORROWING YOUR BALLOON!
POP
HOT AIR BALLOON TRIPS £2.50
HE'S ESCAPED! MR STINKERTON WILL BE EVER SO ANGRY WITH ME!
I'M FREE!
I'M SO NERVOUS I'VE CHANGED INTO A BAT!
POP
UP WE GO!
VROOOM
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
HEH! NOW I CAN FOLLOW HIM...
...AND BURST HIS BALLOON WITH MY FANGS!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
PFSSST
POLICE STATION
LOOK WHO'S 'DROPPED' IN!
GRAAGH! A STUPID BAT PUNCTURED MY GETAWAY BALLOON!
BOOMF
POOR OLD PUNCHER... STOPPED BY A PUNCTURE!
BAH!
M. Bowendale

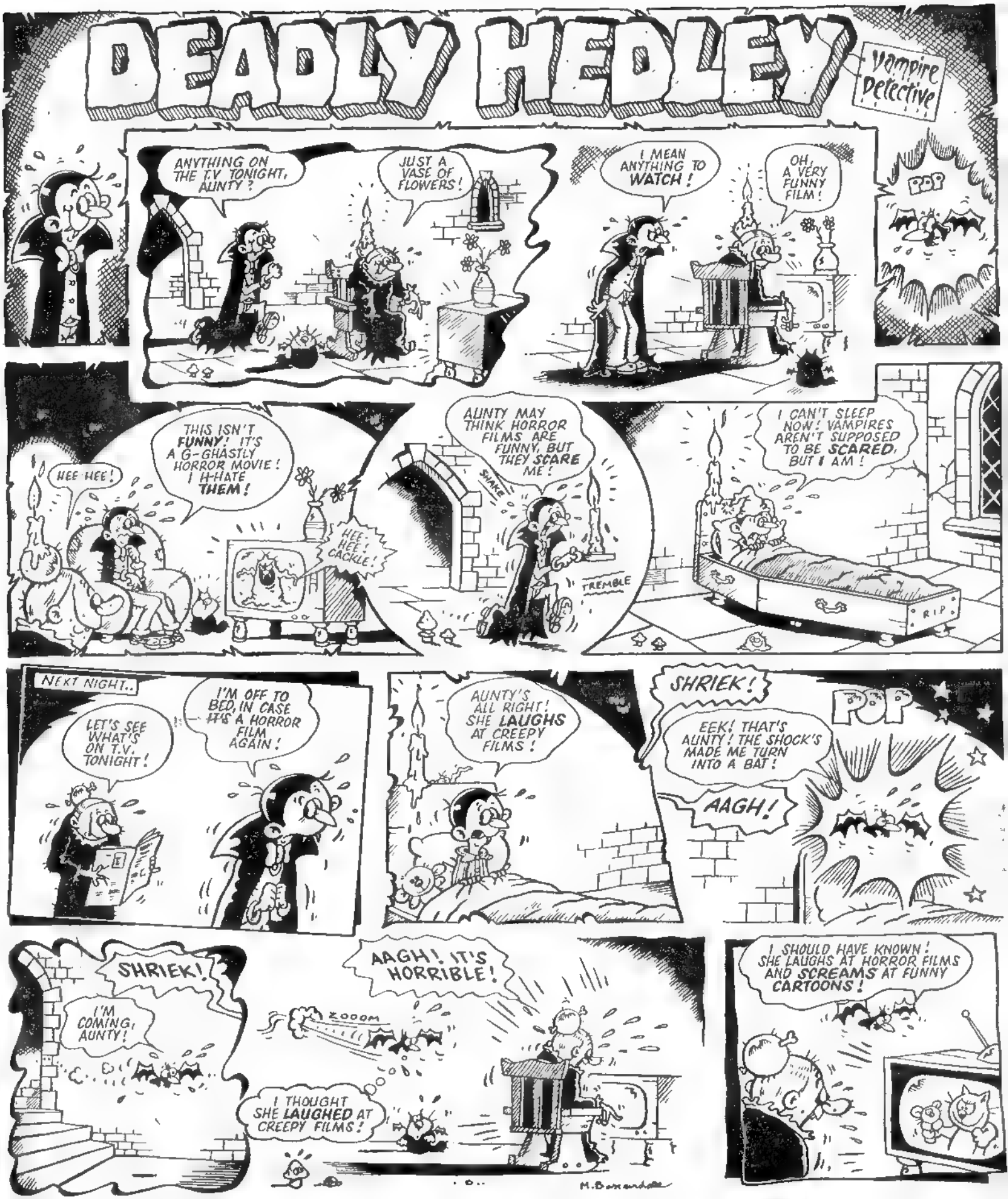
DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
-AH, HEDLEY! THE BLANKENSTEIN RESEARCH LABORATORIES WANT SOMEONE TO GUARD A NEW SECRET FORMULA
LEAVE IT TO ME, BOSS
AT THE LABORATORY...
I AM DR BLANKENSTEIN! ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU OUR LATEST EXPERIMENT
WE HAVE INVENTED CHEMICALS WHICH MAKE FRUIT AND VEG. GROW HUGE!
CRIKEY!
M Bonendale
DROOL
BUT IF AN EVIL SCIENTIST GOT THE FORMULA, HE MIGHT GROW GIANT, MAN-EATING PLANTS!
SO WE KEEP THE SECRET FORMULA IN THIS SAFE-
GULP! WHAT'S THAT CRANE DOING?
CRASH
UH-OH!
AND..
SOMEONE'S STOLEN THE SAFE WITH THE FORMULA IN IT!
NO-ONE CAN STOP ME IN THIS TANK— I'LL RULE THE WORLD WITH THIS FORMULA!
QUICK, PROF — HELP ME EAT THIS BIG 'NANA!
BLURP! NOW TO CHANGE INTO A BAT—
BURP
-AND FLY OVER THE TANK, SO I CAN DROP THIS BANANA SKIN IN ITS PATH.
RUMBLE
GOTTIM! NOW TO CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL!
AAGH!
SKID
BONK
DUH! W-WHAT H-HAPPENED?
OH... JUST A SLIGHT SLIP-UP!

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
HEDLEY! YOU'VE BEEN HIRED AS BODYGUARD TO A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON! YOU'LL POSE AS HIS DRIVER!
BUT, MR STINKER-TON...
I'LL SHOW YOU THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WE'VE MADE FOR YOU!
BUT...
THIS IS PROFESSOR TWERK, OUR SPECIAL GADGETS MAN!
I'VE BUILT A SECRET RADIO TRANSMITTER INTO YOUR CHAUFFEUR'S CAP, HEDLEY!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
AND THE CAP BADGE IS REALLY A DISGUISED CYLINDER OF LAUGHING GAS FOR FOILING ATTACKERS!
HEE, HEE! CAN I HAVE A GAS MASK, TOO? HA, HA!
PING
PSSST
THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL SECRET AGENT CAR WITH BUILT-IN GADGETS! YOU'LL USE IT TO DRIVE THE V.I.P. AROUND!
BUT...
CLICK
RAWR
INDICATOR
SPRING
WHIRRR
CLICK
SMOKE SCREEN
SPROING
IT HAS AN EJECTOR SEAT, OF COURSE!
SPROING
YIKES!
OOPS! 'SCUSE ME, BOSS!
STOP MESSING ABOUT!
BONK
GET IN THE CAR AND COLLECT THE VERY IMPORTANT PERSON!
BUT I KEEP TRYING TO TELL YOU...
CHUG CHUG CHUG
M Barendale
...I CAN'T DRIVE!
CRASH
VROOOM
WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
CRASH

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
THIS IS A TOP SECRET, SUPER STRENGTH-GIVING CHEMICAL ... YOU'RE TO DELIVER IT TO THE BLANKENSTEIN LABS !
YAWN! OKAY!
YAWN
AND STOP YAWNING AND SMARTEN YOURSELF UP ! YOU MUST BE MY LAZIEST AND SCRUFFIEST AGENT !
YES, BOSS...
WEARY TRUDGE
BAH! MR STINKERTON DOESN'T REALISE WE VAMPIRES ARE SUPPOSED TO SLEEP DURING THE DAY! THAT'S WHY I'M TIRED!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
WATCH THAT STUFF!
UH-OH! A FLY HAS SPOTTED IT!
BUZZ
MM! VERY TASTY!
BUZZ
SLURP
WOW! I SUDDENLY FEEL ALL POWERFUL AND STRONG!
KAPOW
AND...
I'LL HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS DOZEY HUMAN!
BOP
BUZZ
BUZZ
BOP
BOP
THIS IS GREAT!
CRASH
GRAAGH! CRAZY FLY! I'LL FLATTEN YOU!
YOU'VE GOT TO CATCH ME FIRST!
SWIPE
SWIPE
ZOOOM
BUZZ
SMASH
BUZZ
ZOOM
BUT THEN...
UH-OH! THE SUPER POWER'S WORN OFF!
PUT
BUZZ
PUT
PESKY FLY! I'VE WRECKED MY WHOLE OFFICE OVER YOU!
BANK
TOP SECRET
I'M OFF!
M Baxendale
PHEW! ALL THAT CHASING ABOUT HAS TIRED ME OUT!
Z
Z
Z
LOOK AT THAT! AND HE CALLED ME LAZY AND UNTIDY!

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
MR STINKERTON IS GIVING OUT JOBS TO ALL HIS AGENTS! HOPE I DON'T GET A TOUGH ONE!
RIGHT, MEN!
AGENT BOND... YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO CAPTURE THE LOCH NESS MONSTER!
!
CRIKEY!
AGENT SOLO... SEEK OUT AND ARREST ALL ENEMY AGENTS IN LONDON!
PANIC
TREMBLE
GOSH! THAT'S A TOUGH ONE!
AGENT STEEL... YOU'LL WATCH EVERY EPISODE OF 'CROSSROADS' FOR A MONTH, TO TRAIN YOU TO STAND UP TO TORTURE!
SHEER TERROR
OH, GOOD GRIEF! HOW GHASTLY!
AH, HEDLEY! I'VE A REALLY TOUGH JOB FOR YOU!
HAVE MERCY, SIR! I'M TOO YOUNG TO DIE!
SHAKE
TREMBLE
GROVEL HERE
M Barendale
YOU CAN NIP DOWN TO THE NEWSAGENT'S FOR MY NEWSPAPER! HEE, HEE!
PHEW! VERY FUNNY, MR STINKERTON!
RELIEF
SO...
FLAP
FLAP
ZOOM
FLAP
FLAP
I'LL FLAP DOWN TO THE NEWSAGENTS IN A FLASH! THIS JOB IS A DODDLE!
HERE WE ARE!
FLAP
FLAP
GOOD GRIEF! A HUGE FLY!
NEWS
DAILY BLAH
LATEST NEWS! NOTHING HAPPENED TODAY!
SHORT-SIGHTED NEWSAGENT!
HEY! I'M NOT A FLY!
SPLAT
BONK
BLAT
I HATE FLIES! I WON'T LET 'EM NEAR MY SHOP!
BACK AT THE OFFICE...
HEE, HEE! THE LOOK ON HEDLEY'S FACE WHEN I PRETENDED I HAD A TOUGH JOB FOR HIM! WHAT A GIGGLE!
BUT THEN...
PHEW! YOU WEREN'T JOKING! THAT WAS MY TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENT YET!
DAZED
?
STAGGER

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
♫ NORWAY, NORWAY, NORWAY—OH! IT'S SO BIG AND FULL OF SNOW! ♫
I'M INVESTIGATING THE INTERNATIONAL SONG CONTEST 'COS MR STINKERTON THINKS SOMEONE IS GOING TO SABOTAGE IT!
♫ MOSCOW, MOSCOW! ♫ -DIDDLY-IDDLY-OH!
SO I HAVE TO LISTEN TO ALL THESE ROTTEN SONGS!
CLOMP
CLUMP
CLOMP
♫ LA DE DA DE DUM! BRITAIN'S MAGIC CHUM! ♫
THESE SONGS ARE AWFUL! WHO WOULD BOTHER TO SABOTAGE THE CONTEST?
AND THE LAST CONTESTANT FOR THE £5000 PRIZE IS THE LATVERIAN ENTRY...
♫ LIFE IS LIKE A WORM! WHO KNOWS WHICH WAY TO TURN! ♫
CRUMBS! A £5000 PRIZE!
THEN..
ER, AND NOW THE RESULTS...
THE LAST ENTRY, FROM LATVERIA, WINS THE £5000 PRIZE!
?
BUT HE WAS TERRIBLE!
IS GOOT! NOW HAND OVER ZE £5000 PRIZE OR I BLAST YOU!
SO THAT'S IT! TIME TO CHANGE INTO A BAT!
POP
I'LL USE MY FANGS TO BITE THROUGH THE ROPE HOLDING UP THIS LIGHT!
DIRECT HIT!
BONK
AARGH!
PHEW! THE LATVERIAN COMPETITOR HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT OF THE CONTEST AT THE LAST MOMENT!
RELIEF
SERVES HIM RIGHT!


DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
ANYTHING ON THE T.V. TONIGHT, AUNTY?
JUST A VASE OF FLOWERS!
I MEAN ANYTHING TO WATCH!
OH, A VERY FUNNY FILM!
POP
HEE HEE!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY! IT'S A G-GHASTLY HORROR MOVIE! I H-HATE THEM!
HEE HEE! CACKLE!
AUNTY MAY THINK HORROR FILMS ARE FUNNY, BUT THEY SCARE ME!
SHAKE
TREMBLE
I CAN'T SLEEP NOW! VAMPIRES AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SCARED, BUT I AM!
R.I.P.
NEXT NIGHT..
LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON T.V. TONIGHT!
I'M OFF TO BED, IN CASE IT'S A HORROR FILM AGAIN!
AUNTY'S ALL RIGHT! SHE LAUGHS AT CREEPY FILMS!
SHRIEK!
POP
EEK! THAT'S AUNTY! THE SHOCK'S MADE ME TURN INTO A BAT!
AAGH!
SHRIEK!
I'M COMING, AUNTY!
AAGH! IT'S HORRIBLE!
ZOOOM
I THOUGHT SHE LAUGHED AT CREEPY FILMS!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! SHE LAUGHS AT HORROR FILMS AND SCREAMS AT FUNNY CARTOONS!
M.Bexandall

DEADLY HEDLEY

Vampire Detective

WELCOME TO CASTLE DRACUL!

I DON'T TH NK MUCH OF THE GRUB! WONDER IF THEY'VE GOT ANY PORK

BLOOD PANADE

HELLO! YOU MEET SOME WEIRD CHARACTERS AT THESE MONSTERS' BALLS. BUT YOU DON'T EVEN **LOOK** LIKE A MONSTER!

EH? OH... I'M A WEREWOLF, ACTUALLY!

SOMETIMES I TURN INTO A GHASTLY WOLF AND HOWL AT THE MOON! BUT MOSTLY I'M JUST NORMAL! SCUSE ME!

PHUT

THERE'S SOMETHING ODD HERE! I'LL TURN INTO A BAT AND FOLLOW HIM!

FLAP FLAP

AAGH!

LOOK, COUNT! I CAUGHT THIS BLOKE POSING AS A WEREWOLF, SO HE COULD GET IN AND STEAL YOUR SILVER!

HOW DID YOU GUESS?

FUME

EASY! A WEREWOLF TURNS INTO A WOLF AT THE **FULL MOON**! IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT, BUT HE DON'T CHANGE!

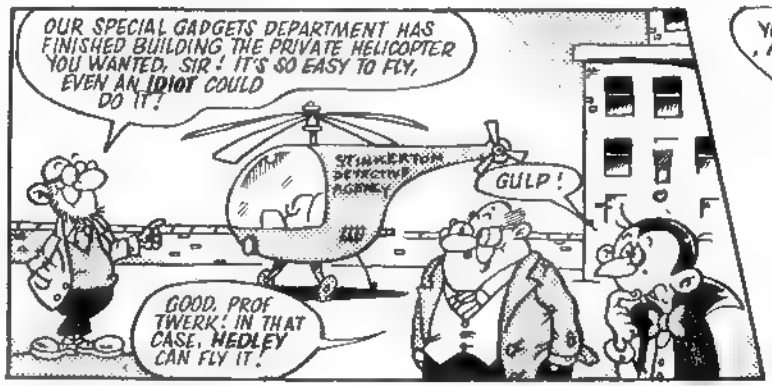
PHUT

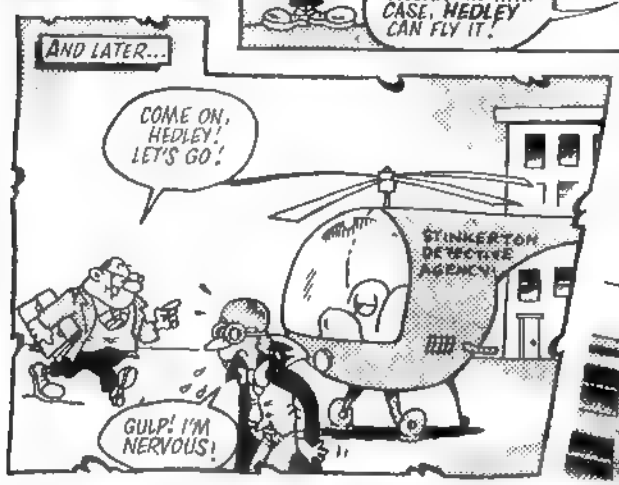
RETURNING TO NORMAL

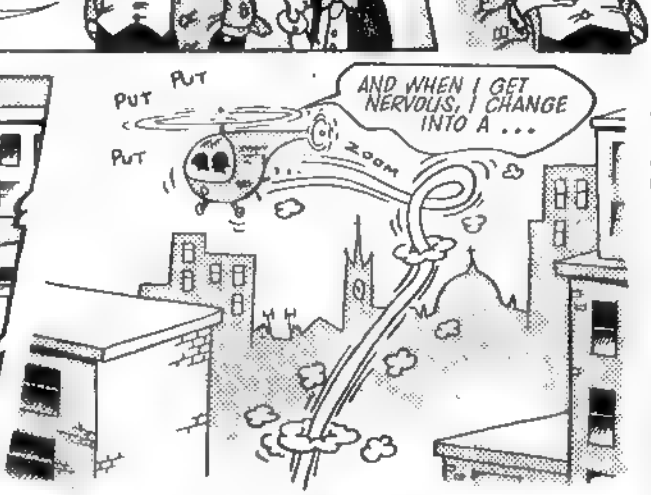
Did you spot the clue, readers?

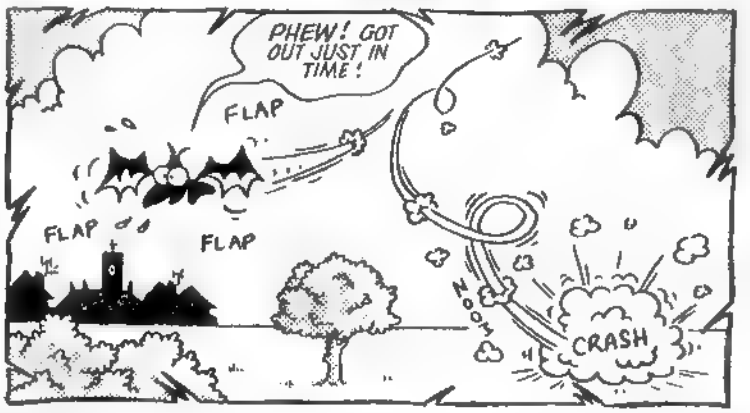
DEADLY HEDLEY

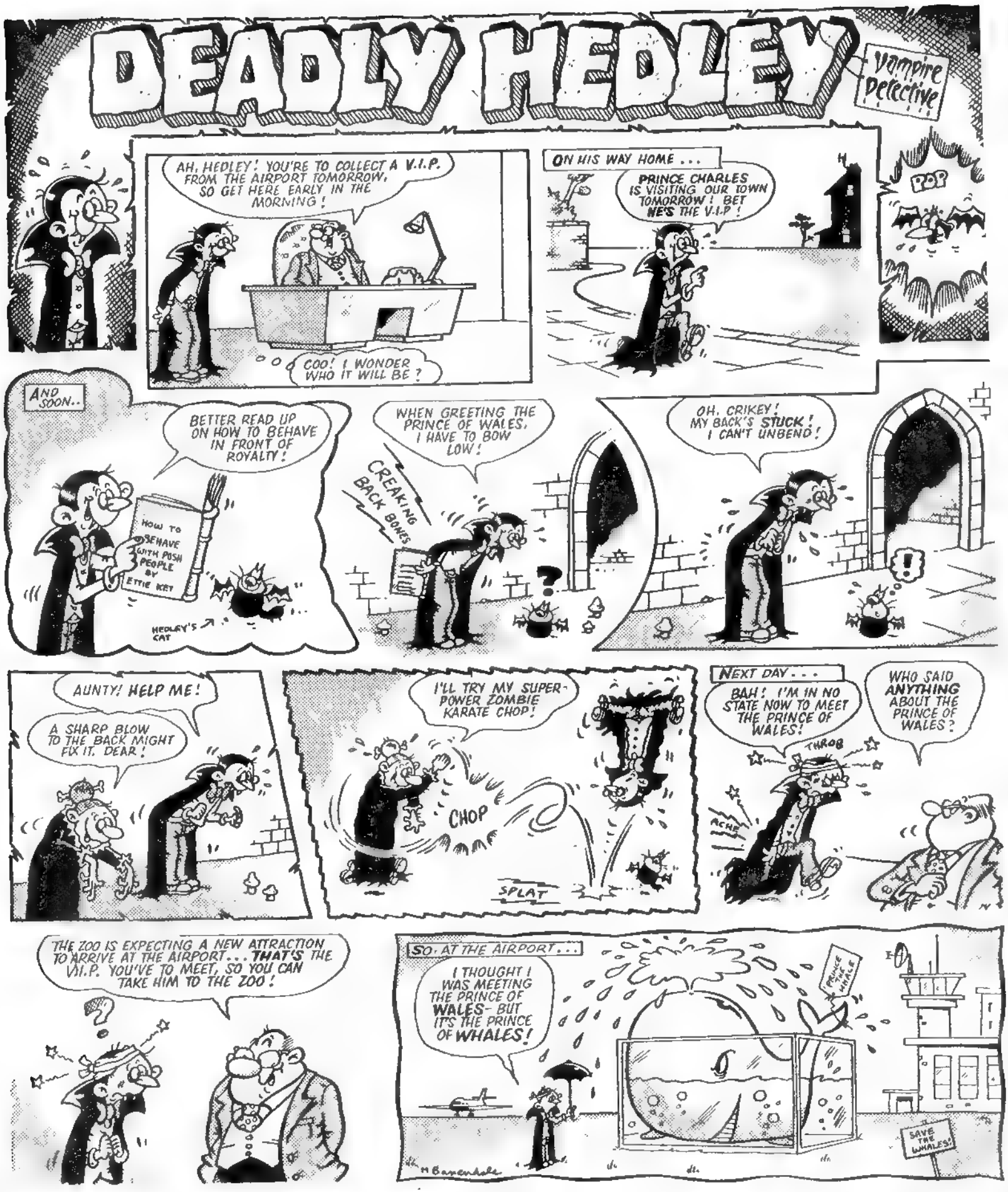
Vampire Detective

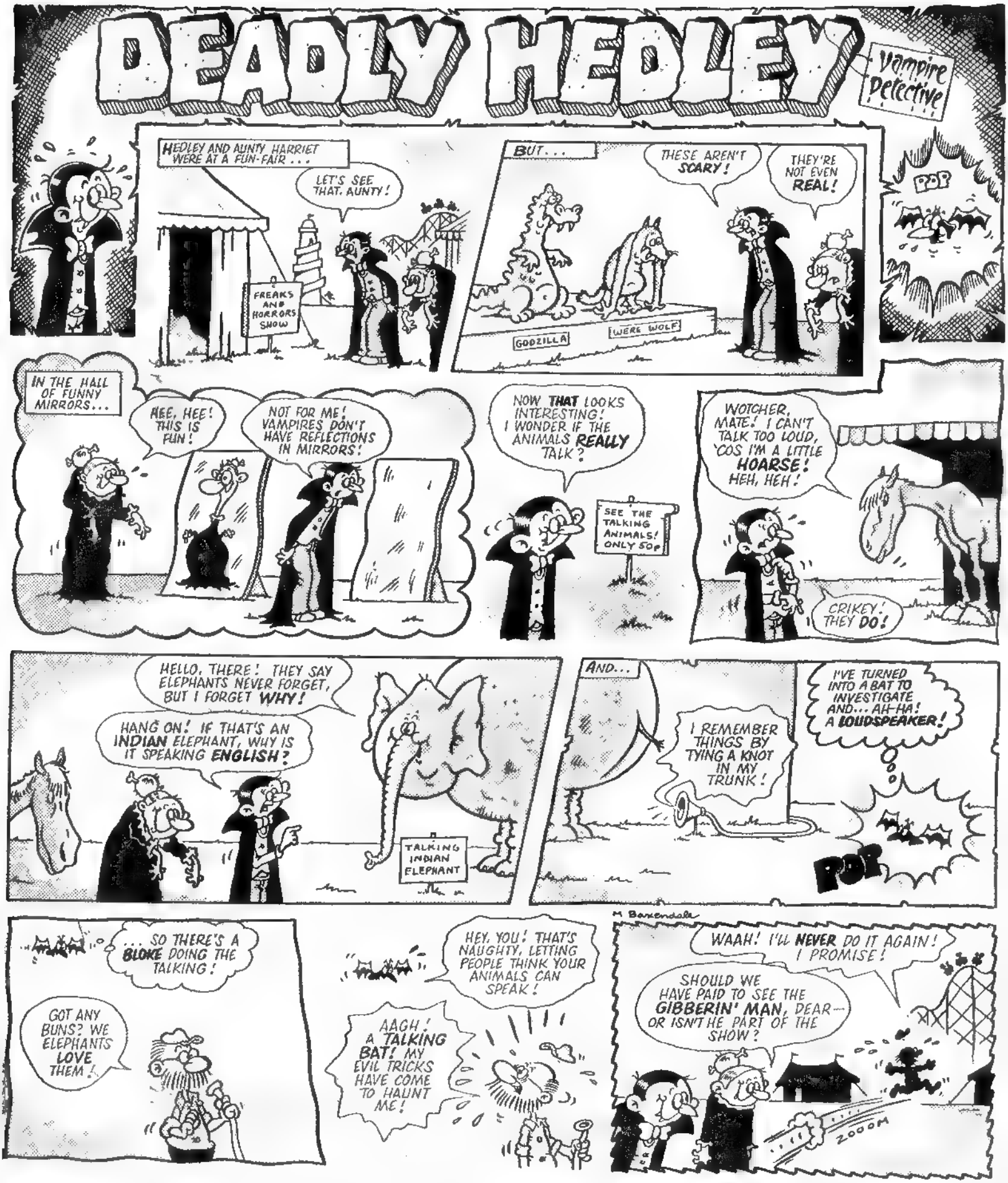

OUR SPECIAL GADGETS DEPARTMENT HAS FINISHED BUILDING THE PRIVATE HELICOPTER YOU WANTED, SIR! IT'S SO EASY TO FLY, EVEN AN IDIOT COULD DO IT!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
GULP!
GOOD, PROF TWERK! IN THAT CASE, HEDLEY CAN FLY IT!








DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
AH, HEDLEY! YOU'RE TO COLLECT A V.I.P. FROM THE AIRPORT TOMORROW, SO GET HERE EARLY IN THE MORNING!
COO! I WONDER WHO IT WILL BE?
ON HIS WAY HOME ...
PRINCE CHARLES IS VISITING OUR TOWN TOMORROW! BET HE'S THE V.I.P!
POP
AND SOON..
BETTER READ UP ON HOW TO BEHAVE IN FRONT OF ROYALTY!
HOW TO BEHAVE WITH POSH PEOPLE BY ETTIE KET
HEDLEY'S CAT
WHEN GREETING THE PRINCE OF WALES, I HAVE TO BOW LOW!
CREAKING BACK BONES
OH, CRIKEY! MY BACK'S STUCK! I CAN'T UNBEND!
AUNTY! HELP ME!
A SHARP BLOW TO THE BACK MIGHT FIX IT, DEAR!
I'LL TRY MY SUPER-POWER ZOMBIE KARATE CHOP!
CHOP
SPLAT
NEXT DAY...
BAH! I'M IN NO STATE NOW TO MEET THE PRINCE OF WALES!
THROB
ACHE
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE PRINCE OF WALES?
THE ZOO IS EXPECTING A NEW ATTRACTION TO ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT... THAT'S THE V.I.P. YOU'VE TO MEET, SO YOU CAN TAKE HIM TO THE ZOO!
SO, AT THE AIRPORT...
I THOUGHT I WAS MEETING THE PRINCE OF WALES- BUT IT'S THE PRINCE OF WHALES!
PRINCE THE WHALE
SAVE THE WHALES!
M Barendale

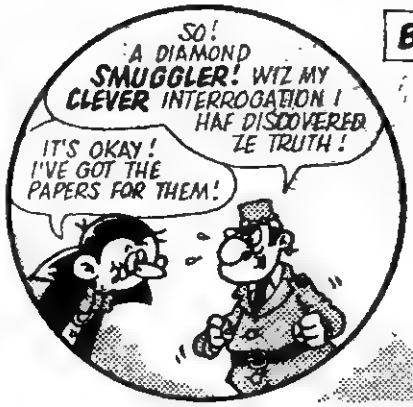

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
HEDLEY AND AUNTY HARRIET WERE AT A FUN-FAIR . . .
LET'S SEE THAT, AUNTY!
FREAKS AND HORRORS SHOW
BUT . . .
THESE AREN'T SCARY!
THEY'RE NOT EVEN REAL!
GODZILLA
WERE WOLF
POP
IN THE HALL OF FUNNY MIRRORS . . .
HEE, HEE! THIS IS FUN!
NOT FOR ME! VAMPIRES DON'T HAVE REFLECTIONS IN MIRRORS!
NOW THAT LOOKS INTERESTING! I WONDER IF THE ANIMALS REALLY TALK?
SEE THE TALKING ANIMALS! ONLY 50P
WOTCHER, MATE! I CAN'T TALK TOO LOUD, 'COS I'M A LITTLE HOARSE! HEH, HEH!
CRIKEY! THEY DO!
HELLO, THERE! THEY SAY ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET, BUT I FORGET WHY!
HANG ON! IF THAT'S AN INDIAN ELEPHANT, WHY IS IT SPEAKING ENGLISH?
TALKING INDIAN ELEPHANT
AND . . .
I REMEMBER THINGS BY TYING A KNOT IN MY TRUNK!
I'VE TURNED INTO A BAT TO INVESTIGATE AND . . . AH-HA! A LOUDSPEAKER!
POP
. . . SO THERE'S A BLOKE DOING THE TALKING!
GOT ANY BUNS? WE ELEPHANTS LOVE THEM!
HEY, YOU! THAT'S NAUGHTY, LETTING PEOPLE THINK YOUR ANIMALS CAN SPEAK!
AAGH! A TALKING BAT! MY EVIL TRICKS HAVE COME TO HAUNT ME!
M Barendale
WAAH! I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN! I PROMISE!
SHOULD WE HAVE PAID TO SEE THE GIBBERIN' MAN, DEAR— OR ISN'T HE PART OF THE SHOW?
ZOOOM

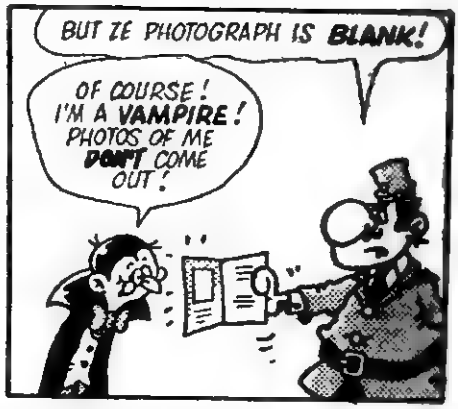
DEADLY HEDLEY

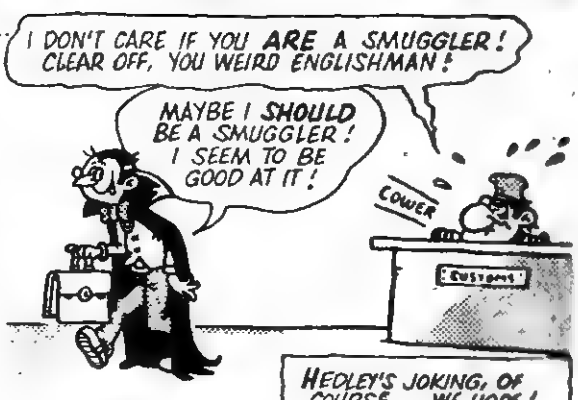
Vampire Detective

ONE OF OUR CLIENTS IS SELLING SOME DIAMONDS TO A BUYER IN PARIS, HEDLEY! YOU'RE TO TAKE THEM OVER TO FRANCE — THEY'RE IN HERE!
RIGHTO, SIR!

TAKE THE FIRST FLIGHT! HERE ARE ALL THE DOCUMENTS YOU'LL NEED TO GET THE DIAMONDS THROUGH CUSTOMS!
DEPEND ON ME, BOSS!
EXPORT PERMIT






AND...
I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE A SMUGGLER! CLEAR OFF, YOU WEIRD ENGLISHMAN!
MAYBE I SHOULD BE A SMUGGLER! I SEEM TO BE GOOD AT IT!
COWER
CUSTOMS
HEDLEY'S JOKING, OF COURSE... WE HOPE!

M Barnsdale

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE DANGEROUS BLACK BROTHERS! THEY'VE ESCAPED FROM PRISON!
OKAY, BOSS!
WANTED! THE BLACK BROTHERS
30177 BRIAN
30178 MELVIN
30179 DENNIS
LATER...
I'LL JUST NIP IN HERE AND GET A PORK PIE TO EAT ON THE WAY HOME!
PETE'S PRIZE PORK PIES
POP
PORK PIE
OUT OF THE WAY, SHORTY!
BOOMF
OOF!
GRR! MAKE WAY!
BOOMF
DASH
THAT OLD LADY NEEDS A POLITE TELLING-OFF BEFORE SOME-ONE GETS REALLY CROSS!
AND...
DD YOU GET THE FOOD, BRIAN?
'COURSE I DID, MELVIN!
GASP! THE BLACK BROTHERS!
I GOT SOME FUNNY LOOKS IN THE SHOPS!
WE'D BETTER MOVE TO ANOTHER HIDEOUT BEFORE THE FOLKS ROUND HERE GET SUSPICIOUS
CHOMP
WHAT SHALL I DO?
CHOMP
THEN...
COME OUT YOU TWO! THIS IS THE POLICE! WE KNOW YOU'RE BOTH IN THERE!
DUHH! THE COPS!
THEY SAID BOTH! THEY THINK THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF US IN HERE!
THAT MEANS ONE OF US CAN GET AWAY!
IT SHOULD BE ME— I'M THE OLDEST!
DUHH! I'M THE... EM... CLEVEREST!
BUT I'M THE HANDSOMEST!
BASH THUMP CLOBBER
I WANT TO GET AWAY!
NO! ME!
NO! ME!
THUMP
TEE, HEE! JUST WHAT I HOPED WOULD HAPPEN!
NOW TO PHONE THE POLICE TO COME AND COLLECT THE BLACK AND BLUE BROTHERS!
DAZE
M Bannerdale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

VAMPIRE SNOWMAN

GOSH, I'M HUNGRY, AUNTIE!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

YOUR SOUP IS ON THE TABLE, DEAR!

BUT...

HMMPH! I WISH SHE'D PUT IT IN A BOWL FOR ONCE!

RUMBLE

POP

VAMPIRE SNOWBALLS

SUDDENLY...

AM I IMAGINING THINGS? THAT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT MINCE PIE!

BUZZ

BUZZ

BUZZ

HI, HEDLEY!

GASP! IT'S PROFESSOR TWERK, THE STINKERTON AGENCY'S INVENTING GENIUS!

WHIRR CLICK

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THAT PIE?

I'M TESTING A NEW, LONG-DISTANCE COMMUNICATION DEVICE!

BUZZ BUZZ

HOVER

I SENT MY MINCE PIE DEVICE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR AUNTIE TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE OFFICE TONIGHT!

LEAPING FOR JOY

HOORAY!

AND SO...

STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY CHRISTMAS PARTY

THAT'S STINKERTON'S MUM... DID YOU GUESS?

Merry Christmas, readers!

FLAP

FLAP

HERE'S A PARTY GAME FOR YOU BUDDING DETECTIVES! CAN YOU FIND SIX MAGNIFYING-GLASSES, FOUR POLICE WHISTLES, FIVE TRUNCHEONS AND THREE POLICE HELMETS HIDDEN IN THIS PICTURE?

VAMPIRE CHRISTMAS PUD

M Barendale

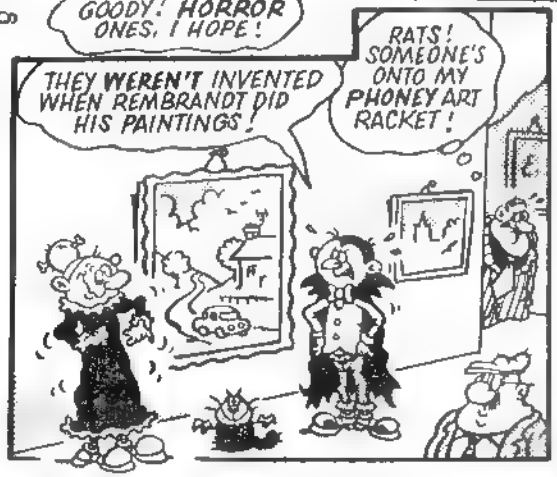
DEADLY HEDLEY

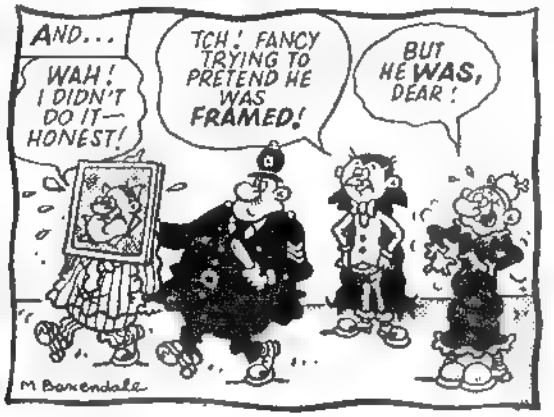
Vampire Detective

WE WANT YOU TO TEST THIS NEW INVENTION, HEDLEY– THE UTILITY BELT!
IT CONTAINS ALL THE GADGETS NEEDED FOR FIGHTING CRIME!
WEAR IT FOR YOUR GUARD DUTY AT THE BANK!
PHEW! I CAN HARDLY WALK!
RATTLE
CLANK
POP
SOON...
LOOKS LIKE I'M TOO LATE TO GUARD THE BANK! SOMEONE'S ALREADY ROBBED IT!
TOWN BANK
HURR, HURR!
SWAG
HEDLEY'S CAT, 'FANG'
I'LL TRY TO STOP HIM WITH THIS SPECIAL GLUE-GUN!
PLOP
URGH! SPLUT!
OH, WELL... I'LL TRY TO KNOCK HIM OUT WITH THIS ROBOT BOOMERANG!
BUT...
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
THUNK
NYAH! MISSED!
ZIIIIP
ZOOOOOM
FLING
BETTER THROW AWAY THIS USELESS BELT AND CHASE AFTER HIM!
I'LL DUCK DOWN HERE!
SO...
WHERE DID HE GO?
STUPID TWIT! HE RAN STRAIGHT PAST ME!
M Barendale
NOW TO MAKE MY GETAWAY... AAGH!
TRIP
WOW! THE BELT REALLY IS INCREDIBLE! IT CATCHES CROOKS BY ITSELF!
SPLAT

DEADLY HEDLEY

Vampire Detective





DEADLY HEDLEY

Vampire Detective

HEDLEY WAS ON A MISSION IN PARIS...

JACQUES' CAFE

I'VE GOT SOME PAPERS TO DELIVER TO THE 'BLUE BERET' CLUB! BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIND IT!

POP

EXCUSE ME! WHERE'S THE 'BLUE BERET' CLUB?

PARDON, M'SIEU?

?

RATS! THE TROUBLE WITH FRANCE IS THAT EVERYONE SPEAKS FRENCH!

I'D GET DIRECTIONS FROM THE TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE, IF SOMEONE WOULD DIRECT ME TO IT! AHA...

PARIS GUIDE BOOK

...I'LL FOLLOW THESE GERMAN TOURISTS—THEY MAY BE GOING THERE!

HEINZ! VE ARE BEING FOLLOWED BY EIN VAMPIRE!

YOU VISH FOR MY GARLIC SAUSAGE ROLL... YES?

AAGH! N-NO!

WHEN HEDLEY IS FRIGHTENED, HE TURNS INTO A BAT!

G-GARLIC IS POISON TO VAMPIRES!

POP

THEN...

ZIS SPRAY WILL GET RID OF ZAT NASTY MOSQUITO!

COUGH! GASP! BUT...

PFSSSST

COUGH! I'VE TURNED HUMAN AGAIN! SNEEZE! BUT THEY LED ME TO WHERE I WANTED TO GO!

SYNDICAT D'INITIATIVE TOURIST INFORMATION

PHUT

AND INSIDE...

GASP! COUGH! CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THE 'BLUE BERET' CLUB IS?

ENGLISH SPOKEN HERE CAN WE HELP YOU?

IT IS OVER ZE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO JACQUES' CAFE!

OH, NO!

M Barendale

HEDLEY'S A DETECTIVE WITH A DIFFERENCE—HE REALLY GETS HIS 'TEETH' INTO CRIME!

DEADLY HEDLEY

Vampire Detective

ONE DAY, AT THE STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY...
A LONDON POLICE CHIEF IS VISITING US TODAY! SO BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOUR, HEDLEY!
YESSIR, MR STINKERTON!
SOON.
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
HIC! THESE HICCUPS ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY! HIC! AND I'VE GOT TO GIVE A SPEECH LATER ON! HIC!
POP
HELLO, HIC, STINKERTON! HIC! HIC!
THAT'S A NASTY CASE OF HICCUPS, SIR!
HEDLEY! BRING IN A GLASS OF WATER FOR OUR VISITOR!
COMING, BOSS!
HIC!
THE BOSS'S ROOM
I CHANGED INTO A BAT, SO I COULD GET HERE FASTER!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
ZOOM
AAGH! HIC! WHAT'S THAT?
THE BOSS'S ROOM
ER, THIS IS HEDLEY, ONE OF OUR DETECTIVES! HE'S VERY GOOD AT NIGHT WORK!
POP
THAT'S 'COS I'M A VAMPIRE!
A V-VAMPIRE! HIC! DON'T BITE ME! HIC!
DON'T WORRY! I PREFER PORK PIES TO HUMANS!
MUNCH CHOMP
JUST THEN...
THE BOSS'S ROOM
YOO-HOO! I'VE JUST POPPED BY FOR A CUP OF TEA, HEDLEY!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY AUNTIE HARRIET! SHE'S A RETIRED ZOMBIE!
EEK! I'M OFF!
DON'T YOU WANT YOUR GLASS OF WATER?
ZOOM
I DON'T NEED IT! ALL THOSE SHOCKS HAVE SCARED THE HICCUPS OUT OF ME! NOW I CAN MAKE MY SPEECH!
ANOTHER PROBLEM SOLVED, EH, SIR? HOW ABOUT AUNTIE JOINING US? WE MAKE A GOOD TEAM!
NO FEAR! ONE FREAK IS BAD ENOUGH!
VROOM
BIG NEWS SOON!

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
THIS IS THE IDEAL CASE FOR YOU, HEDLEY— CATCH THE THIEF WHO'S STEALING RARE BATS FROM THE ZOO!
RIGHT, CHIEF!
THAT NIGHT...
BAT HOUSE
POP
ZOOOM
I'LL GO ON WATCH IN MY VAMPIRE BAT FORM!
I'LL NAB THE BATNAPPER WHEN HE TURNS UP!
YODEL-EH HEE-HO!
FLAP
FLAP FLAP
PERUVIAN YODELLING BATS
YODEL-EH-HEE-HO!
SOON...
TEE, HEE! PICKING THAT LOCK WAS EASY!
YODEL!
GULP! THERE'S A GANG OF THEM!
HURRY UP, AND THEN LET'S SCARPER!
YODEL-EH-HEE-ERK!
EEK!
AND...
IN HERE, LADS!
ZOOM
SCURRY
WE'VE NICKED SOME RARE YODELLING BATS TO SELL TO YOU, COLONEL!
YODEL-EH-HEE-HO!
IT'S COLONEL EARTRUMPET, THE FAMOUS BAT COLLECTOR!
THIS ONE ISN'T RARE! IT'S AN ORDINARY BAT! VERY COMMON!
COMMON? ME?
PROD
EEEK!
AAAGH!
GRRR! NO-ONE CALLS ME THAT!
BURST
TEE-HEE! I WAS SO ANNOYED THAT I ACCIDENTALLY TURNED HUMAN— AND ALL THE BADDIES FAINTED WITH SHOCK!
OUT COLD
DAZED
NEXT DAY...
YODEL-EH-HEE HOOOOOO!
FEELING CHUFFED
DAILY BLAB
DETECTIVE HEDLEY CAPTURES BATNAPPERS
I KNOW YOU'RE A HERO, HEDLEY, BUT STOP THAT YODELLING! IT'S DRIVING ME BATS!

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
YOU'VE BEEN HIRED AS BODY-GUARD FOR CHRISTOPHER BLEE, THE FAMOUS HORROR MOVIE ACTOR!
SO, AT THE FILM STUDIO...
TAKE TEN OF 'RETURN OF THE SON OF THE HUNCH-BACK FROM THE BLACK LAGOON... ACTION!
CAMERA 3
POP
THIS IS THE SCENE WHERE THE UGLY HUNCHBACK THROWS MR BLEE INTO THE OCTOPUS-INFESTED LAGOON!
AAARGH!
SPLOSH
NOW HE WRESTLES WITH AN OCTOPUS! IT'S A FAKE ONE, OF COURSE!
HELP! THE OCTOPUS ISN'T MADE OF RUBBER— IT'S REAL!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING!
I'LL QUICKLY TURN INTO A BAT...
POP
HEE-HEE! HO-HO!
AS I HOPED... THE OCTOPUS IS TICKLISH!
IT'S RELEASED ME!
TICKLE
FLAP
FLAP
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN? WHO PUT A REAL OCTOPUS IN THE LAGOON?
HMM...
DRIP DRIP
POP
YOU DID IT! BET YOU'RE JEALOUS OF MR BLEE 'COS HE ALWAYS PLAYS THE HANDSOME HERO!
PROVE IT!
RIGHT! WHAT'S A RUBBER OCTOPUS DOING IN YOUR HUMP?
TWOING
ERK! RUMBLED!
YOU PUT IT THERE WHEN YOU REPLACED IT WITH A REAL OCTOPUS!
OKAY, OKAY— I DID IT!
BOI
LATER...
SO WHAT WAS IT THAT LED YOU TO THE VILLAIN?
OH, JUST A HUNCH, REALLY!
M. Barnaby

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
HERE'S THE FILE THAT YOU WANTED, SIR! YAWN!
THANKS, HEDLEY! AND STOP YAWNING!
FILE
SECRET
YAWN
YAWN
STUMBLE
WE VAMPIRES ARE SUPPOSED TO SLEEP DURING THE DAY, AND WAKE UP AT NIGHT! THAT'S WHY I'M SO TIRED!
STINKERTON'S RULE
STAGGER
STAGGER
POP
YAWN! I THINK I'LL HAVE A LITTLE SLEEP BEFORE STINKERTON GIVES ME SOME MORE JOBS TO DO! NOW WHERE CAN I... AH...AH!
LATER...
HAVE YOU SEEN HEDLEY? I WANT HIM TO PUT AWAY THESE FILES!
CHOMP!
M. Barendale
HE'S NOT AROUND HERE, SIR!
DRAT! TELL ALL MY AGENTS TO SEARCH FOR HIM IMMEDIATELY!
LATER...
WE'VE SEARCHED THE BUILDING...
...AND THE TOWN...
...BUT HE'S NOWHERE...
...TO BE FOUND!
MAYBE HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY A CRIMINAL OUT FOR REVENGE!
SMELLY GARLIC
PERHAPS HE'S BEING TORTURED!
POOR, POOR HEDLEY! SOB!
I'VE BEEN LESS THAN NICE TO HIM S-SOMETIMES! I'D EVEN GIVE THE WHOLE S-STAFF A DAY OFF IF HE WAS FOUND!
SNORE!
SNORE!
HEDLEY! HE'S BEEN UP THERE, HAVING A SLY SLEEP ALL THE TIME!
♡ OH, HEDLEY! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE! ♡ THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE ALL GOT A DAY OFF!
HUG
HUG
IT- IT'S CRIMINAL! I'M LEFT WITH ALL THE WORK TO DO!

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
FLOYD'S BANK HAS BEEN ROBBED! OUR JOB IS TO FIND THE CROOKS' HIDEOUT. SO KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN FOR INFORMATION!
YESSIR, MR. STINKERTON!
SO...
I'LL ASK AROUND H-HERE!
POP
ER... EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR SOME R-ROBBERS!
GRAB
SNATCH
JEWELLE
THUD
THUMP
GRAB
GULP! ALL OF THEM WERE ROBBERS!
HEE-HEE!
BLUB! I'M F-FAR FROM HOME... PENNILESS... AND SH-SHIVERING IN MY SOCKS! WAIL! MOAN!
WAIL!
WAIL!
WAIL!
SOB!
FLIPPIN' ADA! WHAT A RACKET!
I CAN'T 'EAR MYSELF COUNT!
SHURRUP, CAT!
WAIL!
FLING
WAIL!
GASP! FLOYD'S BANK WRAPPERS!
FLOYD'S BANK
SOON...
THE BANK ROBBERS ARE UP THERE!
HEDLEY, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
LATER...
WELL DONE, MY BOY! SOMEONE GAVE YOU A TIP-OFF, EH?
MORE OF A RUBBISH TIP-OFF, REALLY!
£20
£20
£20

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
CHOMP
HELLO, PROFESSOR TWERK! WHAT'S GOING ON?
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY LABORATORY
TOP SECRET
I'M TESTING MY NEW LONG-RANGE RADIO RECEIVER!
BEEP
BEEP
GASP! I'M PICKING UP A MESSAGE FROM VERY FAR AWAY! AND IT'S ADDRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER!
BEEP-BEEP BEE-BEEP
TWEET BUZZ CRACKLE
TWIDDLE
BOP
RARE CARTOON-EATING VAMPIRE BOOKWORM!
YOU'D BETTER TAKE THIS TO 10, DOWNING STREET RIGHT AWAY!
OKEY-DOKEY!
BEEP
BEEP
BUT...
HUH? SILLY TWERK DIDN'T TELL ME IT WAS IN CODE!
800.... MOON NO 9 9IW
HEDLEY'S CAT, 'FANG'
I'M A HEDLEY FAN!
CHOMP
MK II DECODING COMPUTER
DATA DISPLAY
WHIRRR
DATA INPUT
I'LL FEED THE MESSAGE INTO OUR DECODING MACHINE, SO THE PRIME MINISTER CAN READ IT!
BEEP
BEEP
ERK! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! THE COMPUTER CAN'T COPE!
CODE DOES NOT COMPUTE
DANGER! OVERLOAD!
WHIRRR GRIND
BUZZ CLANK
BOOM
AAGH! NOW THE SECRET MESSAGE WILL BE IN TINY PIECES!
RUM
HEDLEY FAN CLUB
BONK
I'M A HEDLEY FAN
AND, MUCH LATER.....
PHEW! I'VE MANAGED TO FIND ALL THE PIECES OF THE MESSAGE TO GLUE THEM TOGETHER!
AND NOW THAT I'VE TURNED INTO A BAT, I'LL FLY TO DOWNING STREET! THEY'LL HAVE TO DECODE IT THERE!
ZOOOM
SOON...
HMM! THIS SAYS THAT THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE EXPEDITION HAS LANDED ON THE MOON!
GASP! HOW COULD YOU TELL THAT?
PLEASE GRAVEL HERE
EASY— LOOK!
AFTER ALL THAT TROUBLE, I WAS HOLDING IT UPSIDE-DOWN!
MI6 IS ON MOON ...008
CHOMP CHOMP
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

DEADLY HEDLEY

Vampire Detective

A MONSTER HAS BEEN HELPING A CROOK TO HOLD UP LOCAL BANKS! KEEP AN EYE ON THE MAIN STREET BANK, AND **NAB** HIM IF HE STRIKES!

OKAY, BOSS!

DAILY BLARE
MONSTERMAN STRIKES AGAIN!!!

BOSS!

WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO MEET THE HEDLEY ARTIST!

LATER...

FLAP FLAP

I'VE CHANGED INTO A BAT, SO I CAN SEE EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON!

POP

I LOVE HEDLEY!

HEDLEY FAN!

WHIER

THEN...

HAND OVER ALL THE MONEY, OR I'LL SET MY **MONSTER** ON YOU!

EEK! THE MONSTER-MAN!

SWAG

SCUTTLE

HEE-HEE! IT'S **EASY** TO ROB BANKS WHEN EVERYONE'S SCARED OF YOU!

I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING!

I'LL GO FOR THE MONSTER'S FEET, AND TRY TO TRIP HIM UP!

ERK! HE'S **NOT** SOLID! I FLEW STRAIGHT **THROUGH** HIM!

ZOOM

ZOOM

HE'S NOT A **REAL** MONSTER AT ALL! THAT FUNNY TORCH MUST BE PROJECTING A **PICTURE** IN THE AIR!

CURSES! THAT STUPID BAT HAS BROKEN MY PROJECTOR!

THAT'S FOILED HIS PLAN!

BOP

SMASH

AND...

I WISH I COULD FIND THE WAY OUT FROM BETWEEN THESE PICTURES!

THE TORCH HAS GONE HAYWIRE, PROJECTING PICTURES OF MONSTERS **ALL OVER** THE PLACE! I'LL ESCAPE WHILE EVERYONE'S CONFUSED!

FIZZZ

BZZZT

THAT **LOOKS** LIKE A VAMPIRE, BUT IT'S JUST ANOTHER PROJECTION! I'LL RUN RIGHT THROUGH IT!

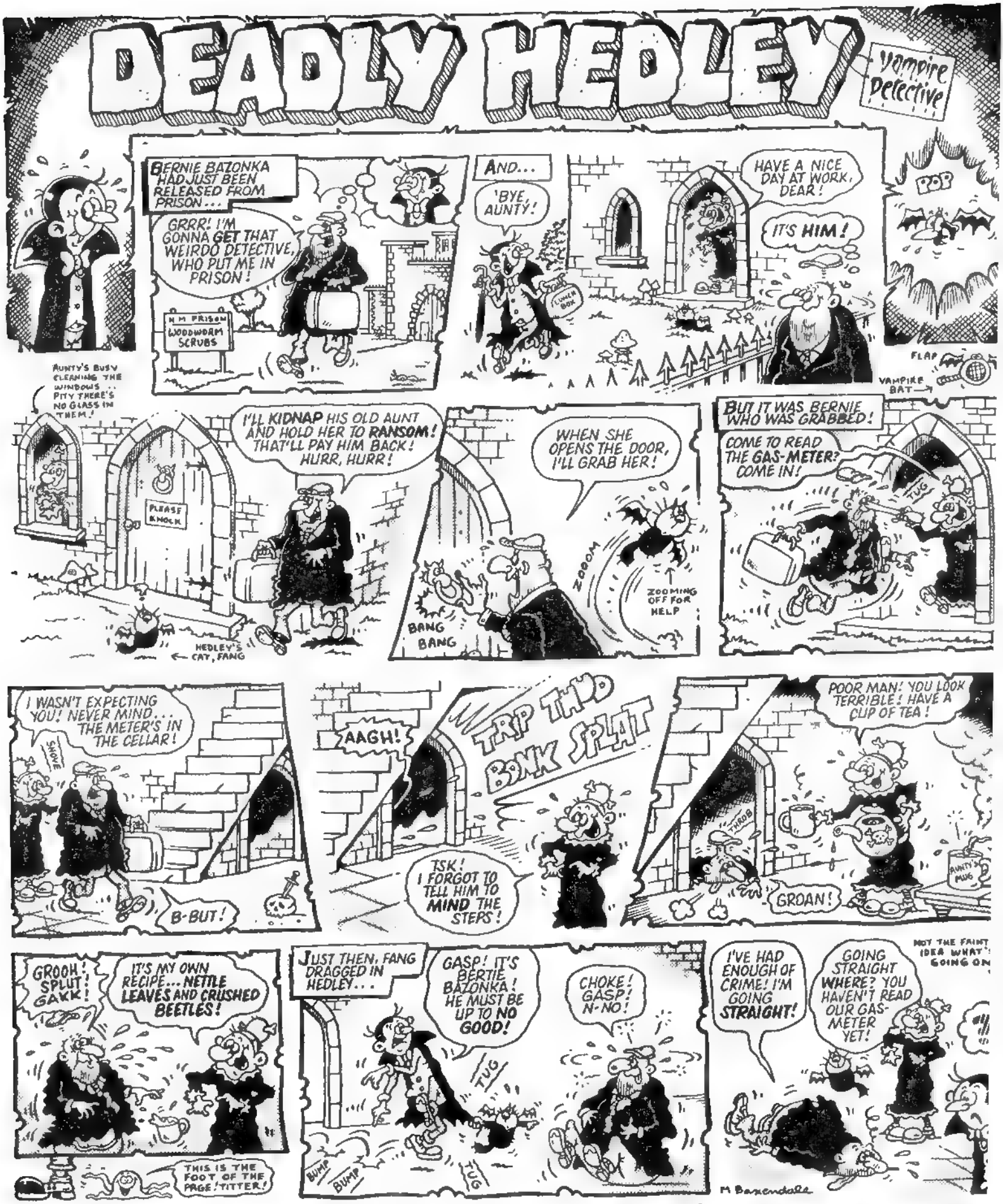
OH NO YOU WON'T!

POP

HEH HEH! I ARREST YOU IN THE NAME OF THE STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY!

ERK! 'FANGS' FOR **NOTHING!**

Martin Baxendale


DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
BERNIE BAZONKA HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON...
GRRR! I'M GONNA GET THAT WEIRDO DETECTIVE, WHO PUT ME IN PRISON!
H.M. PRISON WOODWORM SCRUBS
AND...
'BYE, AUNTY!
HAVE A NICE DAY AT WORK, DEAR!
IT'S HIM!
POP
FLAP
VAMPIRE BAT
AUNTY'S BUSY CLEANING THE WINDOWS... PITY THERE'S NO GLASS IN THEM!
I'LL KIDNAP HIS OLD AUNT AND HOLD HER TO RANSOM! THAT'LL PAY HIM BACK! HURR, HURR!
PLEASE KNOCK
HEDLEY'S CAT, FANG
WHEN SHE OPENS THE DOOR, I'LL GRAB HER!
ZOOM
ZOOMING OFF FOR HELP
BANG BANG
BUT IT WAS BERNIE WHO WAS GRABBED!
COME TO READ THE GAS-METER? COME IN!
TUG
I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU! NEVER MIND... THE METER'S IN THE CELLAR!
SHOVE
B-BUT!
AAGH!
TRIP THUD BONK SPLAT
TSK! I FORGOT TO TELL HIM TO MIND THE STEPS!
POOR MAN! YOU LOOK TERRIBLE! HAVE A CUP OF TEA!
THROB
AUNTY'S MUG
GROAN!
GROOH! SPLUT! GAKK!
IT'S MY OWN RECIPE... NETTLE LEAVES AND CRUSHED BEETLES!
THIS IS THE FOOT OF THE PAGE! TITTER!
JUST THEN, FANG DRAGGED IN HEDLEY...
GASP! IT'S BERTIE BAZONKA! HE MUST BE UP TO NO GOOD!
TUG
CHOKE! GASP! N-NO!
BUMP
BUMP
TUG
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF CRIME! I'M GOING STRAIGHT!
GOING STRAIGHT WHERE? YOU HAVEN'T READ OUR GAS-METER YET!
NOT THE FAINT IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON
M Baxendale

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
THOSE RARE CARTOON-EATING VAMPIRE BOOKWORMS ARE BACK!
THIS IS HARRY HOODOONOO, JEWEL THIEF AND MASTER OF DISGUISES! WE'VE HAD A TIP-OFF THAT HE'S GOING TO ROB THE JEWELLERS!
I'D BETTER DO SOME GUARD DUTY, THEN!
WANTED
HARRY HOODOONOO
LATER...
HOODOONOO COULD BE ANYWHERE! I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS!
DANGER ROAD WORKS
D.I. MOND JEWELLERS
CAN YOU SPOT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, READERS?
POP
CHOMP
HMM! THAT MAN WITH THE PICKAXE COULD BE HIM IN DISGUISE!
I BET HE'S JUST PRETENDING TO BE A WORKMAN, SO HE CAN DIG A TUNNEL INTO THE SHOP AND ROB THE PLACE!
TAKE OFF THAT FALSE BEARD, YOU CROOK!
AAGH!
TUG
GRRR!
M-MY M-MISTAKE! GULP!
FUME
TWITCH
WHEN HEDLEY'S SCARED, HE TURNS INTO A BAT...
POP
ULP!
TA-TA!
FLAP
ZOOOM
FLAP
DANGER ROAD WORKS
?
THEN...
POP
CHANGING BACK TO NORMAL (OR AS NORMAL AS HE'LL EVER BE!)
OUCH!
THUD
ZOOOM
GASP! THAT CHIMNEY SPOKE WHEN I LANDED ON IT!
M. Bonnington
GROAN!
COO! IT'S HOODOONOO IN DISGUISE! HE MUST HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SNEAK IN BY THE ROOF!
DID YOU SPOT THE CLUE IN PICTURE TWO?
LATER...
HOW DID YOU SEE THROUGH HOODOONOO'S DISGUISE, HEDLEY?
OH, IT WAS A POTTY ONE TO START WITH!
THIEF CAPTURED
HEDLEY DOES IT AGAIN
CHUCKLE
HEDLEY'S CAT'S SULKING 'COS HE WASN'T IN THIS WEEK'S STORY..... TURN ROUND AND GIVE US A SMILE, FANG!
SHANT

DEADLY HEDLEY

Vampire Detective

POP

PROFESSOR TWERK'S INVENTED THOSE ROCKET-POWERED SKATES TO HELP CHASE CRIMINALS, HEDLEY! WE WANT YOU TO TEST THEM!

THE BOSSMAN

← FANG'S HAPPY 'COS HE'S IN THIS WEEK'S STORY!

LATER..

EEK! HE'S SNATCHED MY HANDBAG!

SNATCH

ZOOOOM

HE DOESN'T DO MUCH, THOUGH!

I'D BETTER PUT ON THE SKATES AND TRY TO CATCH HIM!

GETTING BORED

WOW! THEY'RE F-F-FAST!

VROOM

SAVE OUR TUESDAYS!

WE'VE GIVEN FANG SOMETHING TO DO!

YIPES!

SOMEONE'S CHASING ME! I'LL DUCK IN HERE!

VROOOOM

BUILDING SITE KEEP OUT

PROTEST MARCH

DON'T ABOLISH TUESDAYS

SWERVE...

RATS! HE'S STILL AFTER ME!

SKIING

TUESDAY IS DOCTOR WHO NIGHT!

HURR, HURR! WITH ANY LUCK, HE'LL GET STUCK IN THAT WET CONCRETE!

VROOOM

LEAP

KEEP OFF! WET CONCRETE

M. Barrendale

YIKES! THE SKATES HAVE STOPPED, BUT I HAVEN'T!

WHOOSH

ZOOOOOM

ON THE OTHER HAND, TUESDAY IS ALSO A CROSSROADS NIGHT...

THEN...

HEY! GIMME THAT BACK!

HA, HA! MY TURN NOW!

SNATCH

ZOOOM

...BUT I ALWAYS HAVE FISH FINGERS ON TUESDAYS!!!

THIS IS "BE KIND TO TUESDAYS" WEEK, FOLKS!

LOOK— HEDLEY'S BEING CHASED BY A CRIMINAL!

GRRR!

ZOOOM

QUICK, LADY! SWING YOUR BROLLY!

AND...

DON'T ABOLISH TUESDAYS

WELL DONE, HEDLEY! BUT WHERE ARE THE SKATES?

I ABANDONED THEM, CHIEF! I THINK WE NEED MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE ABOUT THEIR CAPABILITIES!

TWEET TWEET

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE IN NOT LESS THAN ONE MILLION WORDS, AND SEND TO DEADLY HEDLEY: "I THINK TUESDAYS SHOULD BE SAVED BECAUSE....."

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
ONE DAY, AT THE OFFICE ...
JUST 'HANGING' AROUND!
I NEED A HOLIDAY! YOUR HABITS ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY, HEDLEY!
DON'T LET THEM ABOLISH OUR TUESDAYS!
SO I'LL SPEND A WEEK ON MY PRIVATE YACHT! YOU LOOK AFTER THE OFFICE!
OKAY, CHIEF! CHOMP! SUCK!
BLOOD ORANGES
AGENT HEDLEY
POP
AH! THIS IS THE LIFE! SWITCH ON THE TELLY, MISS HONEYBUNCH!
GETTING COMFY IN THE BOSS'S CHAIR!
HUH! IF STINKERTON COULD SEE YOU!
CLICK
HERE IS A NEWSFLASH! AN UNMANNED SPACE-PROBE IS HEADING BACK TO EARTH, OUT OF CONTROL!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
COO! I WONDER IF I COULD TRACK IT DOWN?
BUT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE OFFICE!
POP
ZOOOM
STINKERTON WILL NEVER KNOW!
R. VAMPIRE CARTOON
THERE'S THE ROCKET! I MUST STOP IT BEFORE IT CRASHES INTO THE CITY!
ZOOM
HEDLEY TURNED HUMAN AGAIN, AND...
IF I BITE THROUGH THE PARACHUTE STRINGS, THE ROCKET WILL FALL INTO THE RIVER WITHOUT HURTING ANYONE!
CHOMP CHOMP
ZOOOOM
BUT, BELOW...
438
MARY CELESTE
WHAT BLISS! HEDLEY IS SHUT UP IN THE OFFICE, WHERE HE CAN'T PLAGUE ME! TEE-HEE!
YIPPEE! I'VE SAVED THE CITY!
CRUNCH
ZOOOM
AAGH! HEDLEY!
M Barendale
S-SORRY FOR DROPPING IN SO SUDDENLY, SIR!
GRRR! I'LL GIVE YOU A ROCKET, IF I CATCH YOU!
GLUG GLUG

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
POP
I'VE BEEN HIRED TO FIND THE SECRET TREASURE OF FISH-CAKE MANOR!
RATTLE
FLAP
HOOT!
FISHCAKE MANOR
HELLO! PRIVATE DETECTIVE HEDLEY, REPORTING FOR DUTY!
SAVE OUR TUESDAYS
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
WELL, I WORK BETTER DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS, MILADY!
DRIP
SQUELCH
MY FAMILY HAS SPENT YEARS SEARCHING FOR THE TREASURE!
HMM... NOT BEHIND THERE!
NOT THERE, EITHER! BUT IT MUST BE SOME PLACE!
KITCHENS
SNIFFLE.. I'LL SEARCH THE KITCHENS NEXT... ACHOOO ... SNIFF!
ACHOO! I THINK I'VE CAUGHT A COLD. THROUGH CYCLING IN THE RAIN!
ONE MINUTE, I HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S GOOD FOR COLDS!
AAAGH! NOT GARLIC! WE VAMPIRES HATE IT!
V-VAMPIRE?
KEEP AWAY FROM ME, YOU BLOOD-SUCKER!
BONK
URG!
GOSH! THE OLD POT HAD A FALSE BOTTOM! IT CONTAINED THE TREASURE!
BURBLE!
CHINK
NEXT DAY...
GREAT DETECTIVE WORK, HEDLEY! HOW DID YOU DO IT?
IT WAS A CASE OF USING MY 'HEAD'! GROAN!
DETECTIVE HEDLEY FINDS LOST TREASURE

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
AUNTIE! WHY HAVE YOU GIVEN ME SALAD FOR TEA, INSTEAD OF MY USUAL PORK PIE?
THE SHOP THAT I WENT TO DIDN'T HAVE ANY, DEAR!
D.H.
TEA MADE WITH TOMATO SAUCE
WHAT? NO PORK PIES!
HORRIFIED
EQUALLY HORRIFIED
POP
PERCY'S PORK-PIE SHOP ALWAYS HAS PLENTY! HE MUST HAVE BEEN ROBBED!
DETECTIVE EQUIPMENT
LEAP
BOUND
SPRINGING INTO ACTION
THIS IS A JOB FOR DEADLY HEDLEY! A VAMPIRE DETECTIVE CAN'T LIVE ON VEGETABLES!
CROOK NABBER
BADGE ENAMEL
JUNIOR DETECTIVE KIT
GALLOP
I'LL CYCLE TO THE SHOP! I WANT TO GET THERE QUICKLY!
RATTLE
RATTLE
CLANK
BUT...
G-GOLLY! IT'S DIFFICULT TO C-CONTROL THIS BIKE, WHILE C-CARRYING ALL THIS STUFF!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
AGGH! MY HAT'S FALLEN OVER MY EYES!
PERCY'S PORK PIES
RATTLE
BOOOM
30M.P.H. RATTLE
AND...
GRR! MY PIES! YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE ONES THAT YOU'VE SQUASHED!
BOOM
ERK!
SPLUDGE
CRUMP
TCH! I ONLY CAME TO INVESTIGATE A ROBBERY!
I HAVEN'T BEEN ROBBED, YOU IDIOT!
BACK HOME...
GRR! WHY DID YOU TELL ME THAT PERCY'S PIE SHOP HAD NO PIES?
I DIDN'T, DEAR! I SAID THAT THE SHOP I WENT TO HAD NONE—
CHOMP
CHOMP
M. Bonnendale
VIC'S VEGETABLE SHOP!
GROAN!
VIC'S VEG SHOP

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
VAMPIRES DON'T LIKE WAKING UP ON SUNNY MORNINGS...
I'VE OVERSLEPT! IF I'M LATE FOR WORK AGAIN, STINKERTON WILL SACK ME!
HURRY UP AND EAT YOUR BREAKFAST, DEAR!
PORK PIE SANDWICH!
YAWN
LUNCH BOX
88 CORNFLAKES AND PORK PIE
POP
AND...
I'LL CYCLE TO WORK, SO I WON'T BE LATE!
BUT, DEAR...
LUNCH BOX
AAGH!
ZOOOM
YOU FORGOT TO UNCHAIN THE BACK WHEEL!
SNAP
THUD
NOTHING ELSE FOR IT! I'LL TURN INTO A BAT, AND FLY TO SAVE TIME!
POP
LUNCH BOX
MEANWHILE..
GRR! IF HEDLEY'S LATE AGAIN, HE'S FOR IT!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
THERE HE IS! HEDLEY— WHERE HAVE YOU...
FLAP
FLAP
LUNCH BOX
SORRY, MR STINKERTON! I COULDN'T STOP!
POP
ZOOOM
BOOMF
P-PLEASE DON'T FIRE ME, SIR! I'M NOT LATE... LOOK!
FUME SEETHE
LATER...
YOU'RE HOME EARLY, DEAR! DID YOU GET THE SACK FOR BEING LATE?
FLUMP FLUMP
JAMMED TIGHT
LUNCH BOX
NO! OLD STINKERTON LET ME OFF WITH A BOX ROUND THE EARS! GROAN!
M. Barrandale

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
STINKERTON WANTS ME TO FIND THIS MAN— AND THERE HE IS!
TUM, TUM, TEE. TUM!
NORMAN NORMAL
HOLD IT! I WANT A WORD WITH YOU!
EEK! A VAMPIRE!
LEAP
BOUND
POP
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BITE ME! I'M OFF!
COME BACK!
DOVER BUS
VROOM
TWO HOURS LATER...
PUFF! PANT!
THAT WEIRDO'S STILL CHASING ME! I'LL CATCH THE FERRY TO FRANCE TO ESCAPE HIM!
DOVER BUS
DOVER FERRY
HE WON'T GET AWAY THAT EASILY!
ZOOM
FRANCE 30 MILES
DOVER FERRY
POP
HEDLEY CHASED THE MAN ACROSS EUROPE...
RATS! HE CAUGHT THE TRAIN BEFORE I COULD GET ON IT!
ZOOM
ZOOM
TRANS-EUROPE EXPRESS
SACRE BLEU!
THROUGH DARKEST AFRICA...
FLAP
FLAP
AFRICAN BUSH BUS
RATTLE CLANK
VROOM
AND WEEKS LATER, IN AUSTRALIA...
GASP! I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT HIM!
CLONK
DIGGER'S BINKUM TAXI SERVICE
UUGH!
YOU'RE COMING BACK TO BRITAIN WITH ME, YOU ROTTEN CRIMINAL!
BURBLE! BUT I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
BUMP
BUMP
BACK AT THE OFFICE...
ALL I WANTED TO TELL YOU WAS THAT YOU'VE INHERITED ALL THIS FROM YOUR LATE UNCLE OSCAR!
OOPS! HE NEVER TOLD ME THAT!
VALUABLE MING VASE
GRR! I SPENT THAT MUCH TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM THIS CREATURE!
BONK

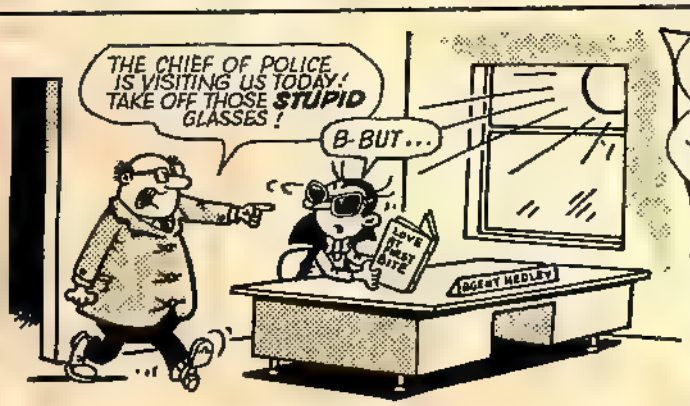
DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
POP
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY OPEN DAY
THANK YOU... ENJOY YOUR VISIT!
LOOK ROUND OUR OFFICES ONLY 50P
GUIDED TOURS 50P →
THIS WAY
WHY ALL THE VISITORS, BOSS?
WE'RE HOLDING AN OPEN DAY TO SHOW THE PUBLIC HOW WE OPERATE! SO KEEP OUT OF THE WAY!
MR. STINKERTON
TOP SECRET
GUIDED TOURS THIS WAY ←
I'D BETTER DO AS MR STINKERTON SAYS! IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG TODAY, HE'LL ONLY BLAME ME!
WHAT'S BEHIND THAT DOOR, DEARIE?
OUR SECRET WEAPONS ROOM!
EE! I BET YOU NEED A BIG KEY TO OPEN A DOOR LIKE THAT!
ACTING EVER-SO INNOCENT
NO! ONLY THIS LITTLE ONE! ALL OUR DETECTIVES CARRY ONE!
GULLIBLE TWIT
THAT'S JUST WHAT I NEED TO KNOW! GIMME! STINKERTON USES THE WEAPONS TO FIGHT CRIME, BUT I'LL USE THEM TO COMMIT CRIME!
BONK SPLAT THUD
BUT...
EEK! THERE'S A VAMPIRE IN THAT ROOM!
OOER! SOMEONE'S FOUND MY HIDING-PLACE!
COME BACK! MR STINKERTON WILL PROBABLY SACK ME FOR FRIGHTENING A VISITOR!
WANTED
'BULLY BONGO'
GALLOP
AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE CRIMINALS, WHO WE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN...
OOF!
GRNK
GASP!
MAD ROMAN GALLOP
IT'S BULLY BONGO IN PERSON! HOW DID HE GET HERE?
IT'S MY FAULT! I WAS CHASING...
WANTED
'BULLY BONGO'
SHUSH! A TOP DETECTIVE NEVER REVEALS HIS METHODS, AND HEDLEY IS DEFINITELY ONE OF MY TOP MEN!
I AM?

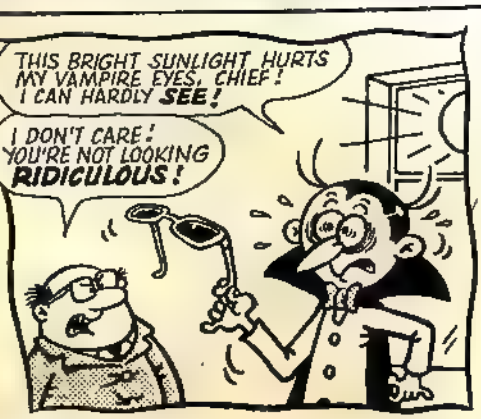
DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
HEDLEY, ABOUT THIS BUSINESS OF YOU TURNING INTO A BAT FROM TIME TO TIME!
I C-CAN'T HELP IT, SIR! IT'S BECAUSE I'M A VAMPIRE!
THE BOSS
Y-YOU'RE NOT GOING TO F-FIRE ME ARE YOU, KIND BOSS?
NO, HEDLEY! GET UP OFF YOUR KNEES!
GRAVEL
QUAKE
I WANT YOU TO CHANGE INTO A BAT THIS EVENING!
YOU DO? FANG-TASTIC!
POP
LATER...
EXCUSE ME, CHIEF... BUT I THOUGHT WE HAD A JOB ON! BESIDES, WHAT CAN YOU SEE AT A ZOO IN THE DARK?
A CRIMINAL, WITH A BIT OF LUCK!
ZOO OPENING HOURS
ELEPHANT HOUSE
UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T DISGUISE OURSELVES AS BIRDS TO PROTECT THAT RARE BIRD, BUT YOU CAN GUARD IT AS A BAT!
WE'LL BACK YOU UP, HEDLEY!
RARE AFRICAN TWIT BIRD
ZIPP
BEAR DISGUISE
SQUAWK!
SSSHH! NOW WE WAIT!
SOON...
AH-HA!
THIS'LL BE AS EASY AS FALLING OFF A LOG!
SQUAWK!
SNEAKY TIP-TOE
THREE... TWO... ONE... CHANGE BACK TO NORMAL!
POP
YOU'RE ARRESTED... GNNN!
SNAP
THUD
BOOMF
CHIEF! CHIEF! I PERFORMED THAT OPERATION WITHOUT A SINGLE MISTAKE!
DAZE
BEAR PEN
NOT QUITE! HE'S WALKING OFF WITH A REAL BEAR! HEE, HEE!

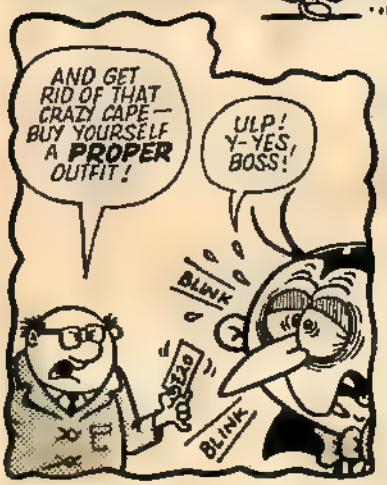
DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
I'M WORKING AS A SECURITY GUARD AT A FILM STUDIO!
CARLO MONTE FILM STUDIOS
SORRY...YOU CAN'T COME IN! NO AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS!
POP
YOU FOOL! I OWN THE STUDIOS!
WHEN HEDLEY IS NERVOUS, HE TURNS INTO A BAT...
GIBBER!
I'LL HAVE YOUR HEAD FOR THIS... ERK!
WHEN HEDLEY HAD CHANGED BACK TO HIS NORMAL SELF...
THAT WAS SENSATIONAL! YOU'LL BE JUST RIGHT FOR MY NEW MOVIE — "VAMPIRE ZOMBIES IN SPACE"!
B-BUT!
NO BUTS! WEAR THIS COSTUME, AND I'LL MAKE YOU A STAR!
PLOP
NOW START WRESTLING WITH THAT MECHANICAL KILLER ALIEN!
GREAT! SUPER! NOW TURN INTO A BAT AND ESCAPE!
YERK!
WHIRR
BRILLIANT!
MR MONTE, I MUST TELL YOU SOMETHING
POP
WHIRR
YOU CAN'T FILM VAMPIRES! THE PICTURES OF ME WON'T COME OUT!
BUT MR MONTE HAD A BRAINWAVE...
HE RENAMED THE MOVIE "THE INVISIBLE VAMPIRE FROM SPACE"...
...AND HE GAVE ME ALL THESE PORK PIES FOR PLAYING THE INVISIBLE MONSTER! CHOMP!

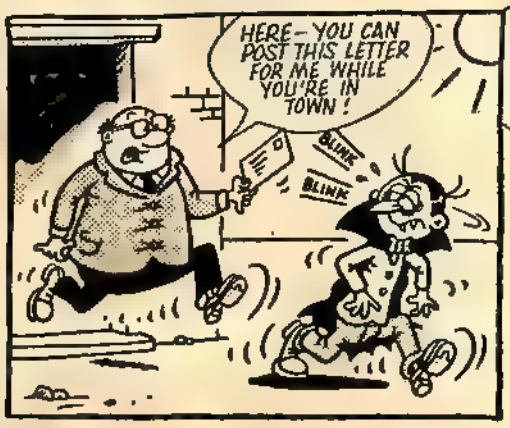
DEADLY HEDLEY

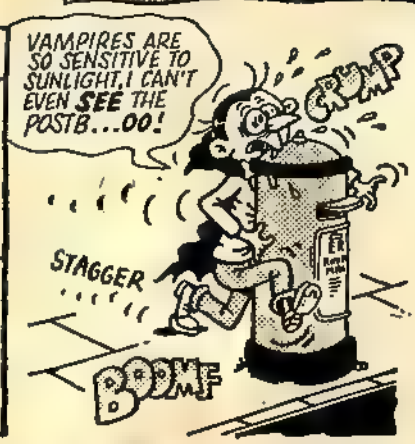
Vampire Detective

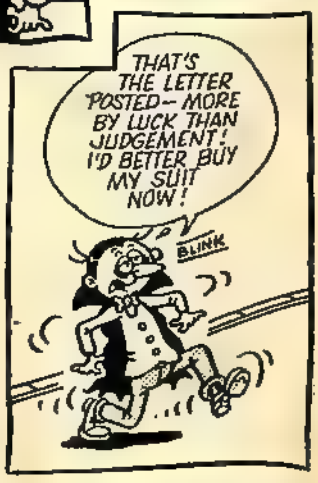


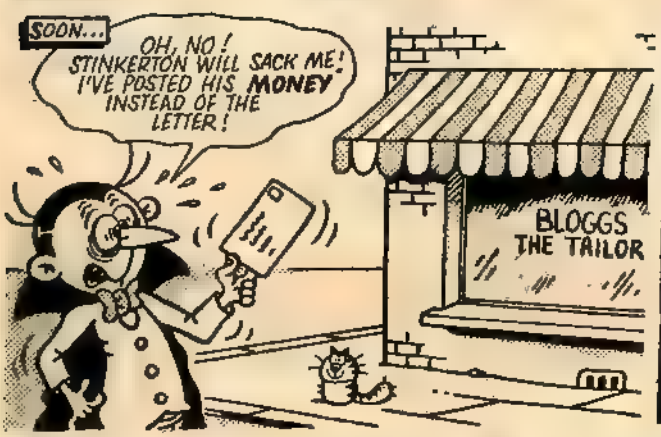


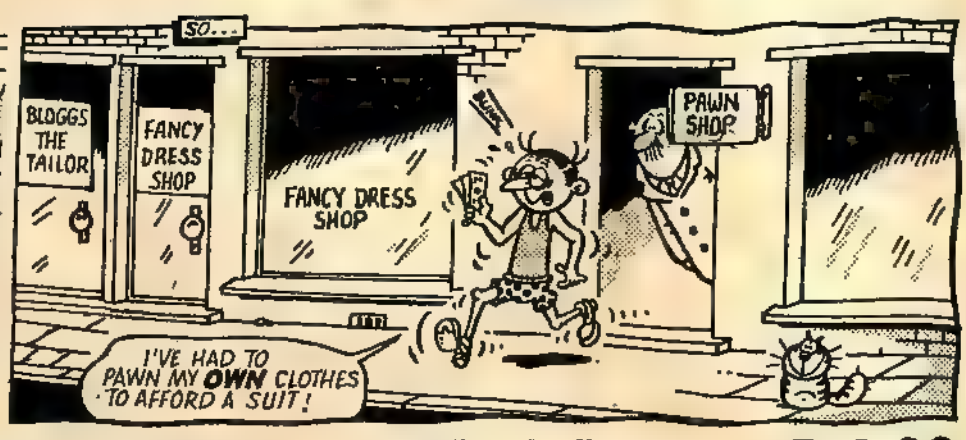


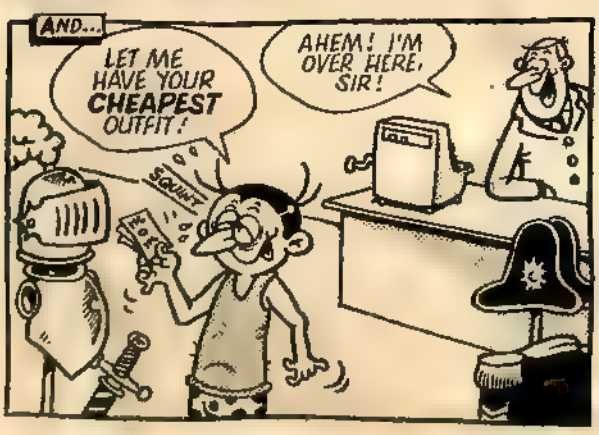


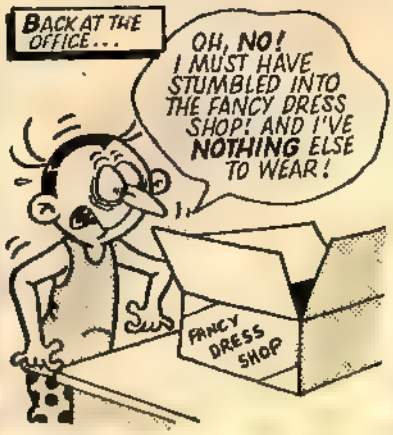


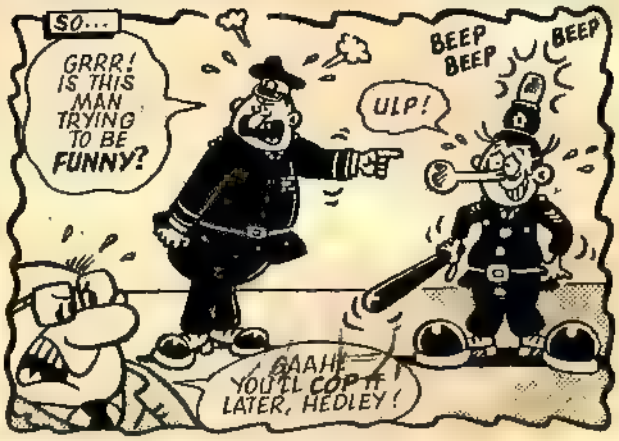












DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
INCREDIBLE NEWS, FOLKS! A FLYING SAUCER HAS BEEN SIGHTED ON THE EDGE OF TOWN!
A U.F.O.! GOOD GRIEF!
SPLUTTER!
TOMATO SAUCE-FLAVOURED POP!
I'LL TRACK IT DOWN, CHIEF!
NO, HEDLEY! WAIT!
POP
THE FANG-FACED FOOL! HE'LL SCARE THEM OFF!
I MUSTN'T LET THE ALIENS THINK THAT ALL EARTH PEOPLE LOOK LIKE VAMPIRES!
PUFF! PANT!
STOP, YOU BIRD-BRAINED VAMPIRE!
WITH MY SUPER-POWERFUL VAMPIRE EYE-SIGHT, I'LL SPOT THE U.F.O. MILES AWAY!
SPLUDGE!
SPLURP!
SQUELCH!
HED...L...EYY! STOP!
MY ULTRA-SENSITIVE VAMPIRE HEARING WILL PICK UP THE SOUND OF THEIR ENGINES IN NO TIME!
LEAP!
IT CAN'T BE WORKING VERY WELL... HE CAN'T EVEN HEAR STINKERTON!
HEDLEY! STO... GLUB!
SPLOSH!
THAT'S FUNNY! NO SIGN OF THE U.F.O.!
TWITCH!
BEADY STARE!
EARS AND EYES WORKING AT FULL BLAST!
HELP!
=OOOM!
CLANG!
OUCH! I'VE BUMPED INTO SOMETHING... OOH!
GRAAGH! HEDLEY! YOU'RE FOR IT NOW!
GULP!
POP!
WHEN HEDLEY'S SCARED HE TURNS INTO A BAT!
THEN...
GASP! THE ALIENS ARE BAT CREATURES!
JUST LIKE ME!
EEK! WHAT A GHASTLY CREATURE!
WE'RE NOT GOING BACK THERE WITH HIDEOUS CREATURES LIKE THAT FAT THING WANDERING ABOUT!
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YOU'VE SCARED THEM OFF!
POP!
VROOM!
GRAAGH! THEY MIGHT AT LEAST HAVE TAKEN YOU WITH THEM!

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
IN THE MYSTIFYINGLY MYSTERIOUS MYSTERY OF CRUMBLEDOWN CASTLE...
ONE MORNING...
YAWN! I HATE GETTING UP IN THE MORNING! I'D MUCH RATHER GO TO WORK AT NIGHT!
DRRRIIING!
R.I.P.
TCH! I DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHER WITH A MIRROR! VAMPIRES DON'T HAVE REFLECTIONS!
VAMPIRE TOOTHBRUSH!
BREAKFAST'S READY, HEDLEY!
COMING, AUNTY!
TOMATO SAUCE
MILK
YUM! PORK PIE AND CORNFLAKES... MY FAVOURITE!
BOTTLE TEA
HEDLEY LIKES TO DRINK TOMATO SAUCE!
SOON...
DON'T FORGET YOUR CAPE, DEAR!
THANKS, AUNTY!
I MUST FLY OR I'LL MISS THE BUS!
BYE-BYE WAVE!
POP!
INSTANT CHANGE TO VAMPIRE BAT!
MINUTES LATER...
GIBBER!
AND SO TO WORK!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
POP!
INSIDE...
WHAT'S THAT?... A CREEPY CASTLE... STRANGE GOINGS-ON... A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE? HMM... I'VE JUST THE... ER... MAN FOR THE JOB!
YOU'RE TO INVESTIGATE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE LORD OF CRUMBLEDOWN CASTLE ON MURKY MOOR!
HMPH! WHY DO I GET ALL THE CREEPY CASES? YOU'D THINK THERE WAS SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT ME!
FOLLOW HEDLEY TO T... CASTLE NEXT WEE...
M. Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY
PART TWO OF THE MYSTIFYINGLY MYSTERIOUS MYSTERY OF CRUMBLEDOWN CASTLE...
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
HEDLEY WAS INVESTIGATING A STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE...
GOOD EVENING, SIR! I AM GURBLES, THE BUTLER!
CRUMBLEDOWN CASTLE
SO GLAD YOU COULD COME! MY HUSBAND DISAPPEARED THREE DAYS AGO, AND I'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK!
SHE DOESN'T LOOK TOO WORRIED!
MAYBE SHE GOT RID OF HIS LORDSHIP TO GET HER HANDS ON HIS MONEY!
THIS IS OUR COOK GRISWOLD!
CARE FOR A PORK PIE, SIR?
COO! YES, PLEASE! I LOVE 'EM!
B BUT WHAT IF HE KIDNAPPED HIS LORDSHIP, AFTER FEEDING HIM SOME DRUGGED PORK PIES?
ER... SUDDENLY I'M NOT HUNGRY!
THIS IS MY AUNT AGATHA WHO'S STAYING HERE!
SHE COULD HAVE SEEN OFF LORD CRUMBLEDOWN TO GET A SHARE OF THE FAMILY FORTUNE! BUT SHE LOOKS TOO SWEET FOR THAT!
BOO!
AND THIS IS OUR FAMILY FRIEND, PROFESSOR BRAYNSTRAYN! HE'LL SHOW YOU ROUND THE HOUSE!
AT LEAST THIS GENT HASN'T GOT A MOTIVE FOR GETTING RID OF HIS LORDSHIP!
DO NOT OPEN!
WHAT'S IN THERE?
AAGH! A SKELETON IN THE CLOSET!
PAH! IT'S NOT A REAL ONE!
IT'S PLASTIC! I USE IT FOR MY BIOLOGICAL RESEARCHES!
OOER! MAYBE HE KIDNAPPED LORD CRUMBLEDOWN TO DO EXPERIMENTS ON HIM!
WHO DO YOU SUSPECT, READERS? MORE NEXT WEEK!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE ..

PART THREE OF THE CASE OF THE MISSING LORD CRUMBLEDOWN ..

HEDLEY WAS INVESTIGATING A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE ...

HIS LORDSHIP WAS LAST SEEN WALKING IN THE FAMILY GRAVEYARD!

CRUMBLEDOWN CASTLE GRAVEYARD

I WONDER IF I'LL FIND ANY CLUES IN HERE?

CRUMBLEDOWN FAMILY VAULT

CREAK!

YAWN! I'M TIRED... AND THAT COFFIN LOOKS COMFY!

RIP

I'LL CLIMB IN FOR A QUICK NAP! NO-ONE WILL EVER KNOW!

EEK! THERE'S NO BOTTOM TO IT! I'M FALLING THROUGH!

OOF!

OOF! A SECRET CHAMBER... AND I'VE LANDED ON SOME ONE!

BOOM!

M.MPH!

GASP! YOU MUST BE LORD CRUMBLEDOWN!

HAVE YOU COME TO RESCUE ME?

A MASKED VILLAIN WALLOPED ME OVER THE HEAD WHEN I WAS OUT WALKING, AND I'VE BEEN HELD DOWN HERE! BUT THERE'S NO WAY FOR US TO CLIMB OUT!

M Barendale

IT'S EASY, IF YOU CAN CHANGE INTO A BAT!

POP!

IN THE VAULT

HEE, HEE! NOW TO CLIMB DOWN TO MY SECRET CHAMBER SO I CAN CHECK ON MY PRISONER!

HEY! THAT'S THE VILLAIN WHO BIFFED ME!

FLAP! FLAP!

ZOOM!

NEXT WEEK. UNMASKED!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

THE FINAL, EXCITING EPISODE OF THE MYSTERY OF CRUMBLEDOWN CASTLE...

HEDLEY HAD RESCUED LORD CRUMBLEDOWN FROM A CRUEL KIDNAPPER...

AFTER HIM!

SQUELCH

SQUELCH

SQUELCH

EH? WHERE DID HE GO?

BUT NOT TO WORRY... I'LL ASSEMBLE ALL THE SUSPECTS IN THE DRAWING ROOM, AND DISCOVER WHICH ONE IS THE KIDNAPPER...

SPLOSH

SQUELCH

...BY SCARING A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM... OR HER!

LADY CRUMBLEDOWN

PROF. BRAYNSTRANE

BURBLES THE BUTLER

AUNT AGATHA

GRISWOLD THE COOK

AHEM! I HAVE RESCUED LORD CRUMBLEDOWN, AND I HAVE STRONG EVIDENCE AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE KIDNAPPER!

AND I'M GOING TO PUT THE BITE ON THE BADDY IF HE OR SHE DOESN'T CONFESS!

SCARY VAMPIRE ACT

RATS! I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE THEM ALL!

EEEK!!

HELP!

A VAMPIRE!

THEN

YAAGH!

SPLLLRP

SLIP

AHA! YOU SLIPPED BECAUSE THERE IS MUD ON YOUR BOOTS— MUD FROM THE CEMETERY! YOU'RE THE KIDNAPPER!

GROAN!

DID YOU SPOT THE CLUE IN PICTURE 4?

OKAY! I'M NOT HIS AUNT AGATHA, BUT HIS LORDSHIP'S EX BUTLER, SEEKING REVENGE FOR BEING SACKED!

LET'S FACE IT — THE PLAN DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME!

'FANGS' FOR DOING A JOLLY GOOD JOB, HEDLEY!

M. Bannerdale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

ZZ! GRNNF! WASSAT?

DRING! DRING!

IT'S ME, BOSS— HEDLEY! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA FOR A NEW OFFICE FILING SYSTEM!

B-B-BUT IT'S 3 O-CLOCK IN THE MORNING!

'SRIGHT, BOSS! THE DEAD OF NIGHT IS WHEN WE VAMPIRES ARE AT OUR MOST ACTIVE!

GRRR! WELL, I'M NOT! GOOD-NIGHT!

SLAM!

NEXT DAY...

GROAN! I'M SO TIRED!

JUST HANGING AROUND!

SECRET FILE

TOP SECRET

SECRET

HEDLEY'S AWARD

LATER...

'BYE, SIR!

YAWN! G'BYE! YAWN!

MUCH LATER...

I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA FOR THE FILING SYSTEM! THE BOSS **WILL** BE PLEASED WHEN HE SEES IT TOMORROW!

STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY

OOER! THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE OFFICE — HE MUST BE A **SPY**!

MR STINKERTON'S PRIVATE OFFICE

BUT I'LL NAB HIM IN THE ACT! THE BOSS WILL BE SO PROUD OF ME!

TIPPY-TOE

GOTCHA!

AAGH! ERK! WHO'S THAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?

LEAP!

POUNCE!

B-BOSS! IT'S **YOU**!

I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP AT MY DESK! AND YOU'VE WOKEN ME UP **AGAIN**! GRR!

AARGH! OUCH! I THOUGHT HE DIDN'T LIKE BEING **ACTIVE** IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT! OOW!

BOX FILE FOR **BOXING** HEDLEY'S EARS!

SWIPE!

DUCK!

M Baxendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

THIS SUNSHINE IS HURTING MY EYES! VAMPIRES ARE SENSITIVE TO LIGHT!

BLINK!

BLINK!

THEN WEAR SUN-GLASSES WHEN YOU GO OUT!

HORROD'S' STORE

I'LL POP IN HERE AND BUY A PAIR!

A PEAR? THAT ISN'T A FRUIT SHOP?

BLADDERS BALLOONS FOR SHOPPING TROLLEY TOP

INSIDE...

OOO! THESE WILL SUIT ME!

YOU LOOK RIDICULOUS!

ER. I SHOULD POINT OUT THOSE ARE A LADIES' PAIR, SIR!

NEVER MIND. I LIKE THEM!

TCH! FANCY DEPRIVING SOME POOR WOMAN OF HER GLASSES!

OH, AUNTIE, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!

JUST THEN...

STOP, THIEF!

WASSAT?

IT'S PROBABLY THE LADY WANTING BACK HER SUN GLASSES!

STOP HER! SHE'S NABBED THE SHOP'S PAYROLL!

YIKES! IT'S BEEFY BERTHA, THE BANDIT!

GRAH!

AAGH! BLOODSHOT EYES... ENORMOUS FANGS... IT'S A VAMPIRE!

THAT FIXED HER!

I'M ASHAMED OF YOU, HEDLEY! YOU'VE SCARED THAT POOR LADY!

PANT!

WELL DONE! YOU DESERVE A REWARD!

HMPH! HE DESERVES A GOOD SPANKING!

SHAKE!

AND

STRANGE CHAP! I OFFERED HIM ANYTHING IN THE SHOP, AND ALL HE TOOK WAS A PAIR OF EAR-MUFFS!

NAG! NAG! YAK! YAK!

M Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

COO! YOU LOOK WEIRD, MISTER!

CHOMP!

THAT'S 'CAUSE I'M A VAMPIRE DETECTIVE!

HEY! YOU'RE JUST WHAT I NEED! I'VE LOST MY CAT.

SAY NO MORE! DEADLY HEDLEY WILL FIND IT FOR YOU!

THE FIRST PLACE TO LOOK FOR A LOST CAT IS UP A TREE!

FLAP!

B BUT...

FLAP

INSTANT CHANGE TO VAMPIRE BAT.

POP

NO SIGN OF IT UP HERE!

POP

CREAK!

NOW I MUST HAVE NEVER NOT TURN HUMAN ON THE BRANCHES!

SNAP!

BOOM!

THEN...

MAYBE THESE TRACKS WILL LEAD US TO YOUR CAT!

B BUT..

ER... I'VE FOUND SOMETHING...

GRRRR!

...BUT IT'S NOT YOUR CAT!

SNARL!

ERK!

LATER

PUFF! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU, PANT! IT'S NOT MY CAT THAT'S LOST—IT'S MY CATAPULT!

PUFF! PANT!

AH THAT'S IN YOUR BACK POCKET!

PUFF! PANT!

WHY WERE YOU SO KEEN TO FIND IT?

BECAUSE...

...I'M PLAYING AT BEING A MONSTER-HUNTER! TAKE THAT, YOU NASTY VAMPIRE!

TWANG!

TWOING! TWANG!

OOH! OW! THERE'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU!

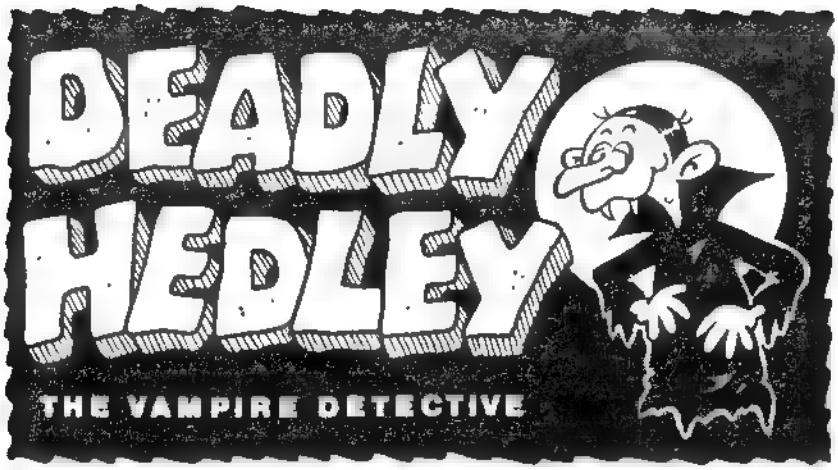
MUD BALLS.

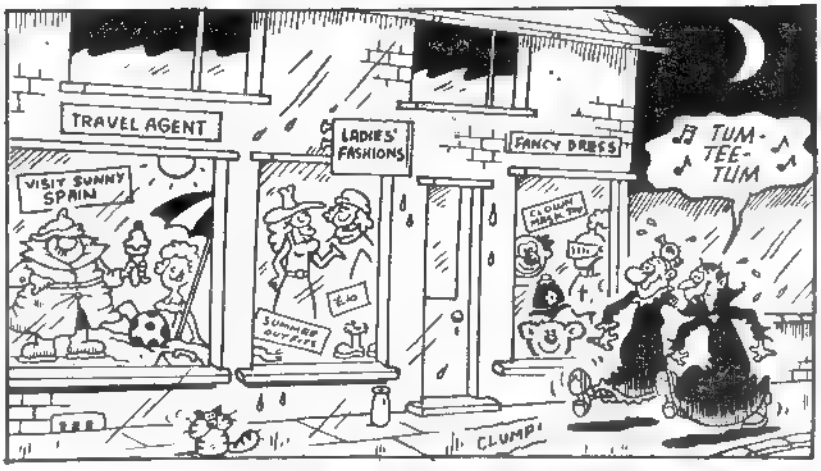
GALLOP!

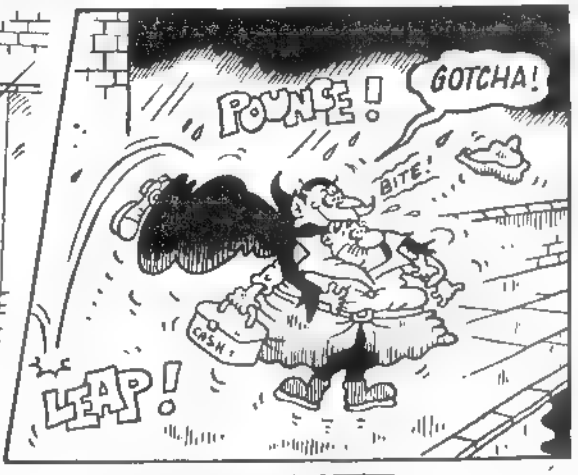
Martin Baxendale

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
BUT, BOSS, IT'S MY DAY OFF! I'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT AT COUNT DRACULA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!
← LIKE THE 'BATTY' PYJAMAS?
TOUGH LUCK! I'VE A SPECIAL MISSION FOR YOU!
SO...
I HATE BEING AWAKE IN THE DAYLIGHT... TAXI!
TAXI
HEDLEY HALL
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO G... BAH! HE'S FALLEN ASLEEP!
SNORE!
WHAT A WEIRDO! HE MUST BELONG TO THE CIRCUS THAT'S PLAYING OUT OF TOWN!
SNORE!
OUT OF TOWN
TAXI
MEANWHILE, HEDLEY HAD STARTED TO DREAM...
HELP! I'M BEING KIDNAPPED!
INTERNATIONAL GARLIC SMUGGLERS LTD.
STILL DREAMING!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS VAN-LOAD OF GARLIC!
OI! WHAT ABOUT MY FARE?
LEAP
TAXI
CIRCUS SHOW TONIGHT
ERK! WHAT'S GOING ON?
BOOMF!
LOOK - HE WAS ESCAPING WITH THE CIRCUS TAKINGS! BUT YOU STOPPED HIM!
I DID?
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS REWARD... ERK!
THAT WILL PAY FOR HIS TAXI FARE!
SNATCH!
LATER, BACK AT THE OFFICE..
THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL MISSION! YOU'RE TO CATCH THE CROOK WHO'S BEEN STEALING THE TAKINGS FROM BLOGGS' CIRCUS!
HO, HO! WAIT 'TIL HE LEARNS THAT I'VE SOLVED THE CASE... IN MY SLEEP!

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
HEDLEY AND HIS BOSS WERE WORKING LATE . . .
. . . A GHOST HAUNTING YOU? AND YOU'LL PAY ANYTHING TO GET RID OF IT? RIGHT AWAY, MADAM!
UH? A GHOST?
HOVER!
HERE'S THE ADDRESS . . . SEE IF YOU CAN SCARE AWAY THIS SPOOK!
IT'S PROBABLY A BURGLAR PROWLING ROUND THE HOUSE!
13 CREEPY CRESCENT
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS!
WHAT? A VAMPIRE WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS?
GLIDE!
SOON . . .
THAT'S THE HOUSE . . . LOOKS CREEPY!
HEDLEY'S BATMOBILE
I'VE COME TO INVESTIGATE YOUR REPORT OF A GHOST! SNIGGER!
OH, GOOD!
IT'S PROBABLY A PROWLER!
NO! THE HOUSE IS HAUNTED, ALL RIGHT!
BANG!
THUD!
AHAH! MY SUPER-POWERFUL VAMPIRE EARS HEAR SUSPICIOUS NOISES!
LOUD NOISES, TOO!
I'LL LEAP OUT AND DO MY SCARY VAMPIRE ACT!
OOH, GOODY!
THAT'S THE BACK DOOR LOCKED . . . EEEK!
LEAP!
HA-HAR! BURGLAR OR GHOST, YOU'RE NABBED!
FOOL! I'M THE ONE WHO RANG . . . SHE'S THE GHOST!
HEEE, HEE! HARR, HAR! CACKLE!
PHUT!
CALL YOURSELF A DETECTIVE? . . . USELESS IDIOT!
GULP! I DIDN'T STAND A GHOST OF A CHANCE ON THAT CASE!
FLING!
M Bamsdale







DID YOU SPOT ANYTHING, READERS?

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

HEDLEY HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A MISSION...

MRS BERWICK GOT A LITTLE ANGRY WHEN I COULDN'T FIND HER LOST CAT!

THROB!

TWEET

SLIGHTLY BATTERED!

HMPH! SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU COULD DO WITH SOME TOUGHENING UP, HEDLEY!

SO...

MEET AGENT HUSKY! HE'S GOING TO GIVE YOU SELF-DEFENCE LESSONS!

SHAKE!

CRUNCH! CRACK!

H-HELLO ...ERK!

NO NEED TO KNEEL, YOU KNOW!

GIGGLE!

GLURK!

SHAKE!

GHASTLY CRACKLE OF BONES CRUNCHING!

I'LL START WITH MY FAVOURITE HOLD... THE TRIPLE-TWIST LEG LOCK!

SNICKER!

EEK!

SPIN! TWIST!

KNOT!

AND THIS IS THE HARI-KARI JUDO THROW! HAAI-YAAH!

FLING!

YAAAGH!

ZOOOOM!

NEEEELLP!

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE, YOU OAF!

HEY! THAT'S MRS BERWICK'S CAT!

WHIZZ!

MEOWL!

ZOOOM!

GOT YOU!

SNATCH!

HOURS LATER...

POOR HEDLEY STILL HASN'T COME BACK! HE'S PROBABLY GONE FOREVER!

PACE!

PACE!

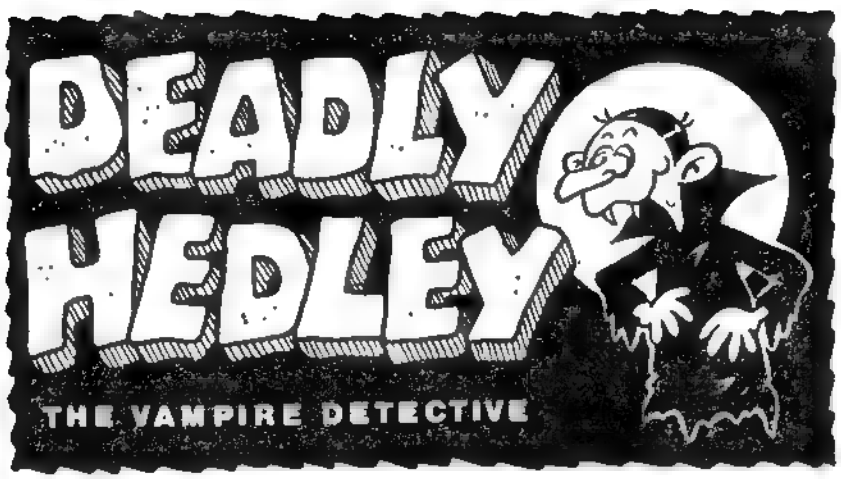
PACE!

I'LL MISS HIM! SOB! HE WASN'T SO BAD REALLY! I'D GIVE HIM A RISE, IF ONLY HE'D COME BACK!

M Bannerdale

A RISE, BOSS? GREAT! IT'LL GO NICELY WITH THE REWARD THAT MRS BERWICK GAVE ME FOR FINDING HER CAT!

GASP!


DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

THIS LAD KEEPS GETTING BULLIED ON HIS WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL— YOU'RE TO PROTECT HIM!
WILLPOWER

ROGER, BOSS! I'M ON MY WAY!
ERK! I WISH HE WOULDN'T DO THAT!
FLAP! FLAP!
POP!

SOON...
HELLO, KIDS! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME DROPPING IN!
EEK! WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
POP!
ARNOLD GROTT JUNIOR SCHOOL

I'M LOOKING FOR THIS BOY!
HEY, M-MISTER, ARE THOSE F-FANGS?

COURSE! WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU EXPECT A VAMPIRE TO HAVE?
HEDLEY'S MOST FRIENDLY SMILE!
A V-V-V-VAMPIRE!

HELP!
?
LOOK OUT! VAMPIRE!
STAMPEDE!
GONE!

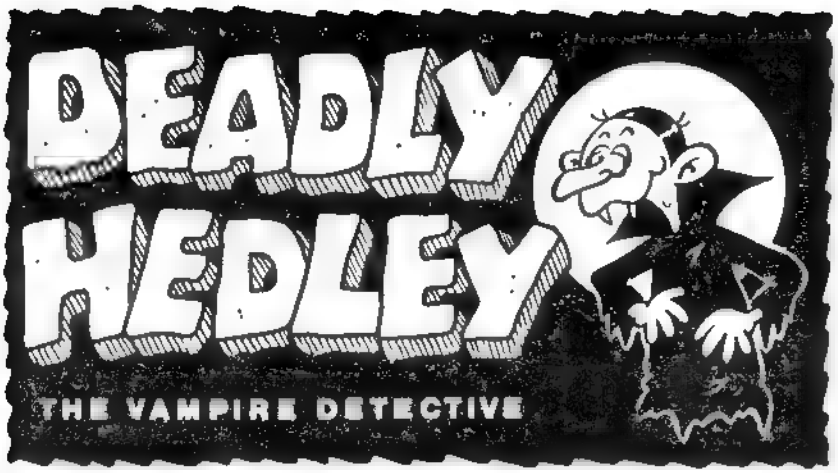
EXCUSE ME, MISTER...
NOT NOW, SONNY! I'VE GOT TO STOP THOSE RUNAWAY CHILDREN!
TUG!

NEARBY...
HURR, HURR! THIS IS ABOUT THE TIME THAT WILLY POWER RUNS BY TO GET HOME! I'LL AMBUSH HIM!
THUNDER OF FEET!

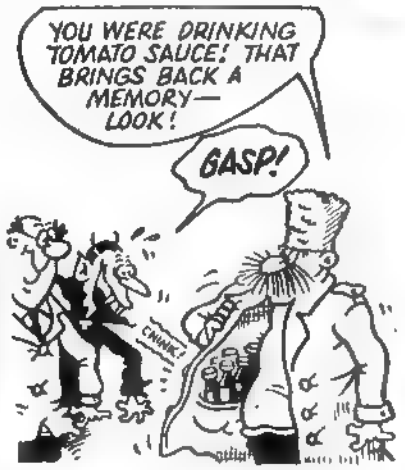
BUT...
COME BACK!
OOF!
THUNDER!
THUD!
SPLAT!
TRAMPLE!

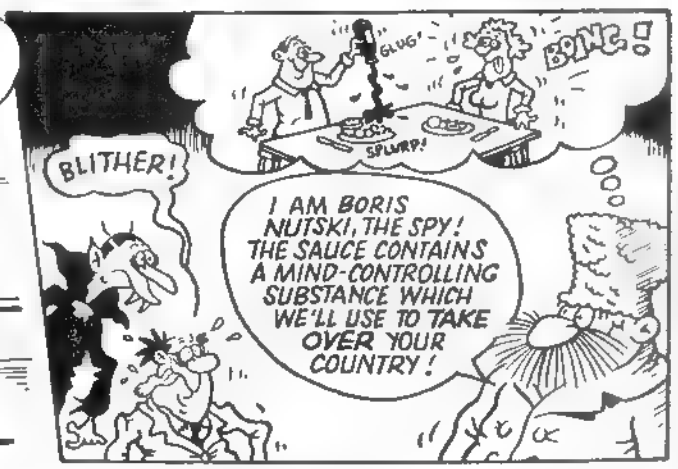
?
BURBLE! GIBBER! THAT KID'S GOT A GANG— I WON'T BULLY HIM ANYMORE!
STAGGER!

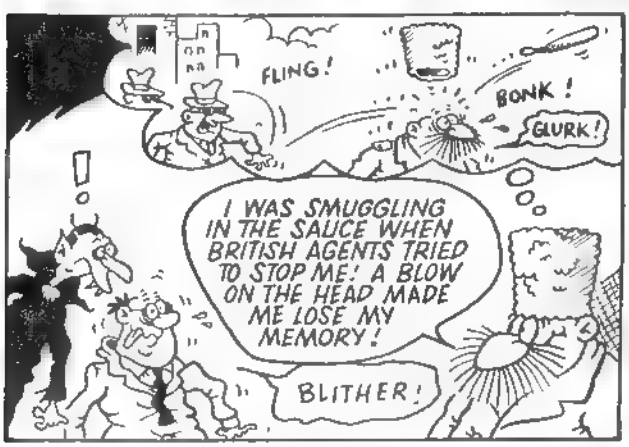
YOU REALLY SORTED HIM OUT, MISTER! YOU'RE THE BEST BODYGUARD IN THE WORLD!
I AM?
M.Baxendale



AT THE STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY—
I'VE LOST MY MEMORY! CAN YOU HELP ME TO GET IT BACK?
AN UNUSUAL CASE, SO I'LL CALL IN AN UNUSUAL DETECTIVE!
—HEDLEY!
MR STINKERTON




GLUG
BOING!
SPLURP!
BLITHER!
I AM BORIS NUTSKI, THE SPY! THE SAUCE CONTAINS A MIND-CONTROLLING SUBSTANCE WHICH WE'LL USE TO TAKE OVER YOUR COUNTRY!


FLING!
BONK!
GLURK!
I WAS SMUGGLING IN THE SAUCE WHEN BRITISH AGENTS TRIED TO STOP ME! A BLOW ON THE HEAD MADE ME LOSE MY MEMORY!
BLITHER!

WILL HEDLEY NAB NUTSKI? AND WHAT ABOUT MR STINKERTON? FIND OUT NEXT WEEK!

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
LAST WEEK, A SPY NOBBLED MR. STINKERTON WITH DRUGGED TOMATO SAUCE! NOW READ ON...
BOING!
DUH!
WAY OUT →
COME ON, BOSS! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
GAH! TOO LATE!
VROOOM!
SOON...
I'LL HIDE OUT IN THIS DERELICT HOUSE!
MEANWHILE...
HMM... I'D BETTER TAKE YOU HOME WITH ME, SIR! AUNTIE WILL LOOK AFTER YOU!
DUH!
AND...
BLEE!
THIS IS THE CHIEF, AUNTIE!
HOW NICE!
KNIT! KNIT!
I'LL JUST HANG UP MY CAPE!
YOU REMIND ME OF UNCLE NORMAN, THE ZOMBIE ACCOUNTANT!
CLOAKROOM
EEK! IT'S THE SPY!
ERK! I THOUGHT THAT THIS HOUSE WAS DESERTED!
YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!
BASH!
THUD!
BUMP!
DO YOU WANT SOME CRUSHED BEETLE TEA, TOO?
GLARK!
EH?
SLURP!
SLURP!
BUT WHO TOLD HER THAT CRUSHED BEETLE TEA IS THE ANTIDOTE TO THE TOMATO SAUCE?
WHO'S AUNTIE DOTE?
BONG!
COO! SUDDENLY, I FEEL BETTER!
YOU ARE TOO CLEVER... I GIVE UP!
IT WAS ONLY SHEER LUCK! BUT I WON'T TELL STINKERTON THAT!
M. Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

THE WEATHER'S TURNING COLD AND WET...

HEDLEY HALL

...A PERFECT TIME FOR US TO TAKE A **HOLIDAY**! GET PACKING, AUNTIE!

EVER SO EXCITED

KNITTING BAG

SOON..

I'M AFRAID HEDLEY NEEDS A **REST**, SO HE WON'T BE IN TO WORK FOR A WEEK!

WHO IS THIS?

SUSPICIOUS!

MR STINKERJUN

MY AUNTIE! GOODBYE!

GIGGLE!

WE ZOMBIES **LOVE** MISERABLE WEATHER!

SO DO VAMPIRES!

RATTLE CLANK!

AND

AH! THIS LOOKS A LIKELY PLACE!

CREEPY FOREST CAMP-SITE

BEWARE OF THE ALLIGATORS

DANGER! GUARD WOLVES ON PATROL!

OI! YOU CAN'T STAY HERE! WE'RE...ER... **FULL!**

FULL? THERE'S NO-ONE ELSE ON THE SITE!

WE'LL PUT UP OUR TENT HERE!

THEN . . .

I'LL ASK THAT MAN WHERE THE NEAREST FORK PIE SHOP IS !

SQUELCH! SQUELCH!

THOSE TWO CAMPERS WEREN'T SCARED OFF BY OUR CREEPY NOTICES, BOSS !

BEWARE! LAPING FROGS!

SITE OFFICE

WELL, THERE'S A **FORTUNE** IN COUNTERFEIT MONEY HIDDEN SOMEWHERE ON THIS CAMP-SITE ... AND **NO-ONE'S** GOING TO STOP US FROM FINDING IT!

SITE OFFICE

BRUNO'S SEARCHING FOR THE BILLS NOW! IF THOSE TOURISTS GET IN HIS WAY, HE'LL **FIX 'EM!**

TIME! WASN'T HERE!

POP!

AND

OOER! IS THAT A BAT?

FLAP! FLAP!

BRUNO

A **VAMPIRE**, ACTUALLY!

EEEK!

POP!

BRUNO

AIEEEE! LET ME OUT OF HERE!

BRUNO

GALLOP!

HELP! THE WOOD'S **HAUNTED!**

RUBBISH!

BRUNO

BRUNO

WANT TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?

POP!

FAINT!

SWOON!

FAINT!

BRUNO

TH-THAT'S WHAT I SAW... IN **REVERSE!**

HO-HO! THAT TAUGHT THEM A LESSON!

BRUNO

M Barrandale

AND...

DO YOU LIKE THE CAMP-FIRE? I MADE IT FROM SOME FUNNY BITS OF **PAPER** WHICH WERE IN THAT HOLLOW TREE!

CHUCKLE! THOSE CROOKS' DREAMS OF A FORTUNE ARE GOING UP IN **SMOKE!**

THEN STINKERTON GOT A 'PHONE CALL . . .

REMEMBER WHEN I SAID I NEEDED A REST, BOSS? WELL, I'VE MADE THREE **ARRESTS**, SO I'LL TAKE A **FORTNIGHT** OFF!

MR STINKERTON

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I WISH I WAS ASLEEP IN MY SNUG TOMB... VAMPIRES LOVE SMALL, DARK PLACES!

YAWN

WELL I'VE GOT JUST THE JOB FOR YOU!

EEER!

S'ON..

WE'VE HAD A TIP-OFF THAT SID THE SAFE CRACKER IS GOING TO ROB THIS JEWELLER'S SHOP! SO HE'S IN THE SAFE AND NAB HIM!

WHO?

YOU'RE A VAMPIRE, SO I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN RULES FOR YOU!

LATER

THIS IS BORING.

CHOMP! CHOMP!

...LUCKILY, I'VE GOT A BITE TO EAT WITH ME!

NOW TO LISTEN IN AND CRACK THE COMBINATION!

TWIDDLE!

CREAKINGS AND MOANINGS? WHAT'S GOING ON?

EEK!

BURP!

THEN HEDLEY NODDED OFF...

SNORE!

AAGH. THE SAFE'S HAUNTED! LET ME OUT!

SNORE!

SUDDENLY WAS CYRUS SEEN TO SPECK CYHEDLEY..

GASP! IT'S SID THE SAFE-CRACKER!

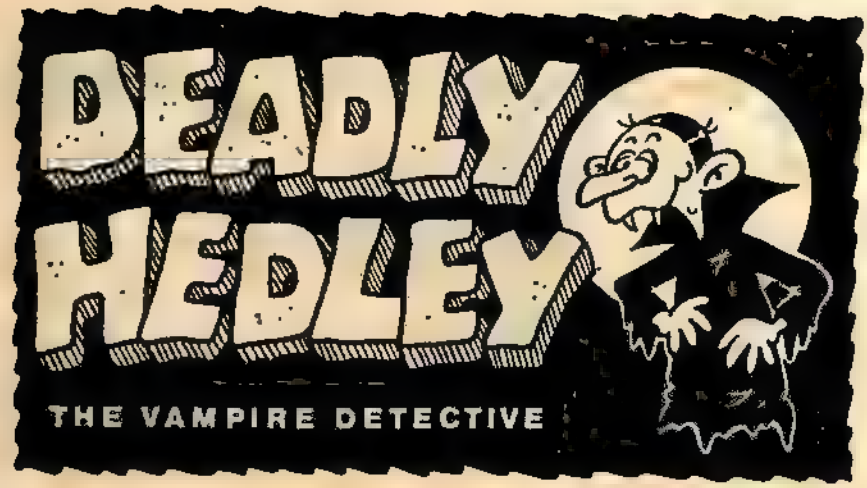
YIKES! HEDLEY SOLVED THAT ONE IN HIS SLEEP!

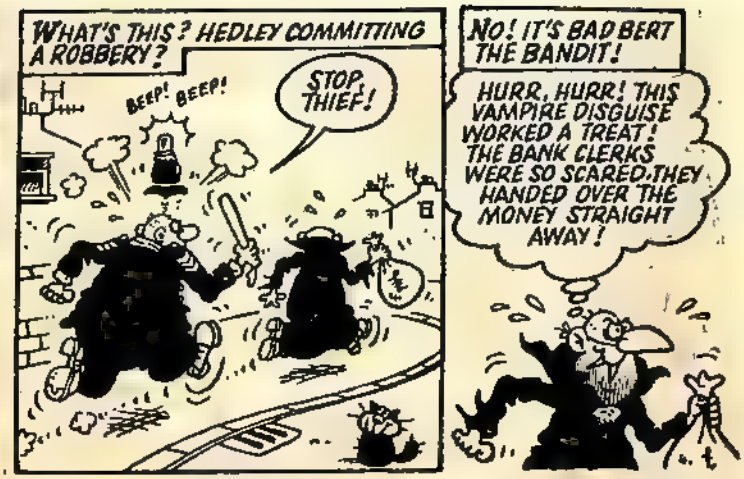
SNORE!

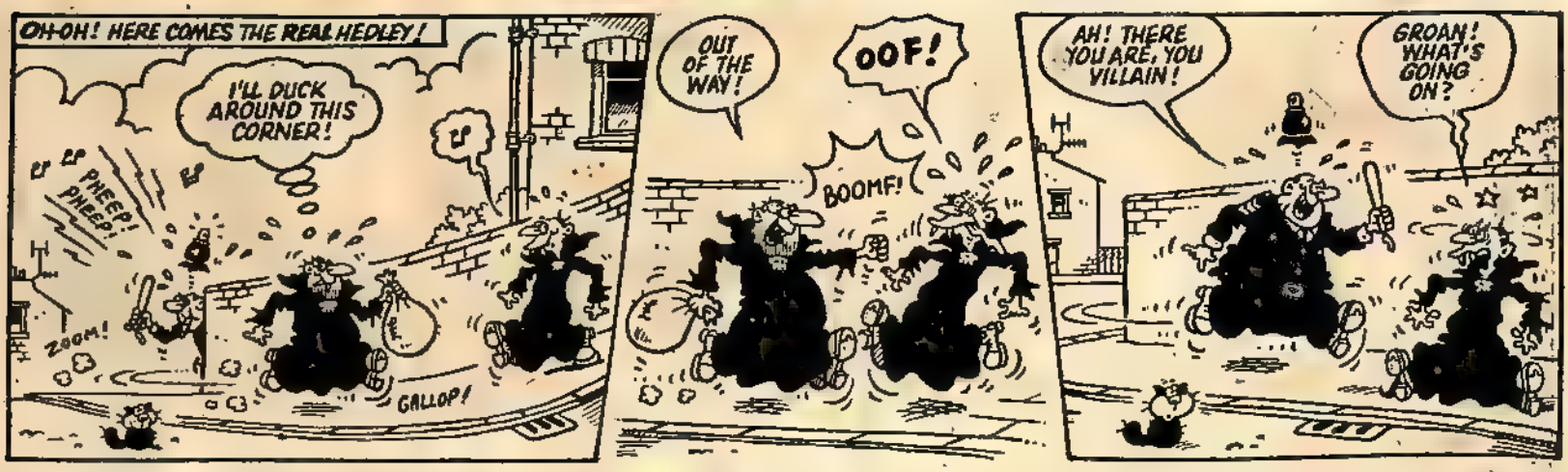
MORE 'CRACKING' GOOD FUN SOON, KIDS!

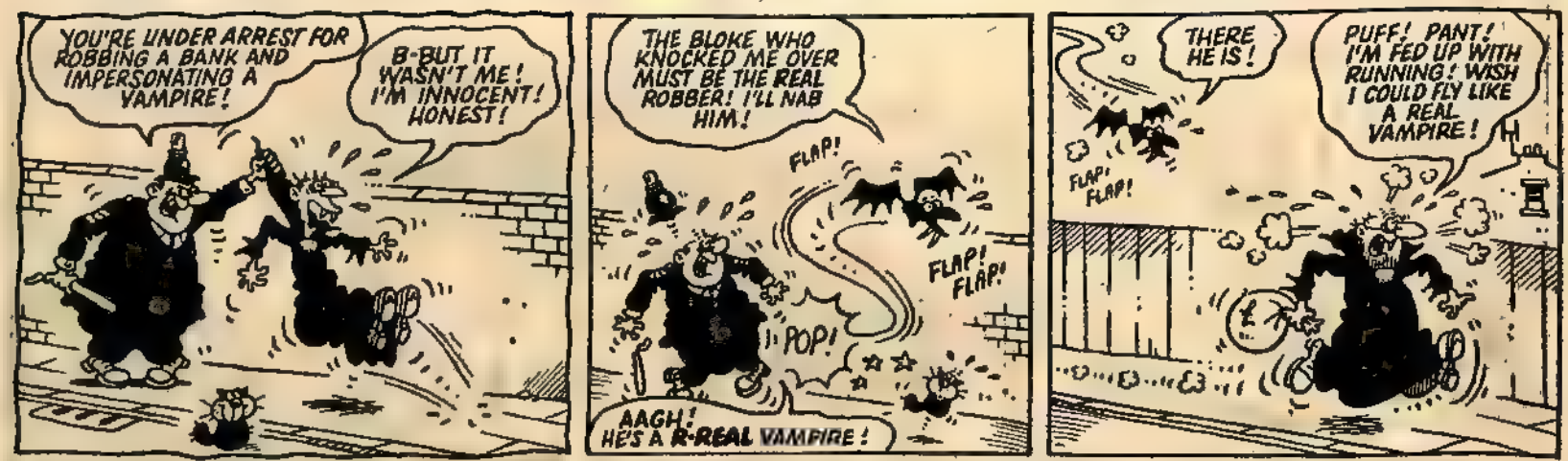
DEADLY HEDLEY

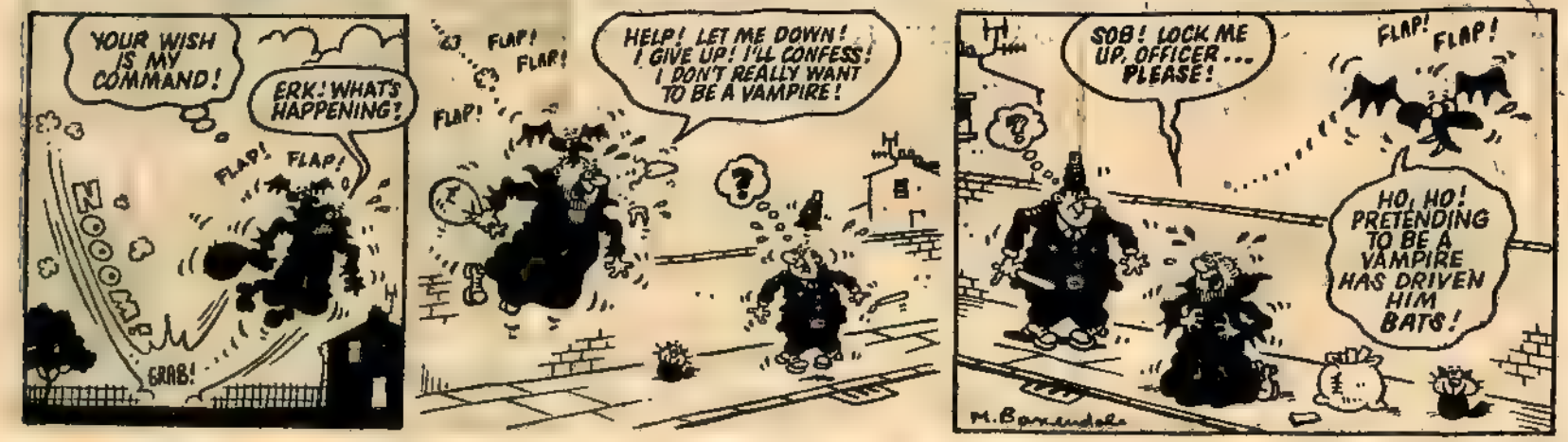
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE



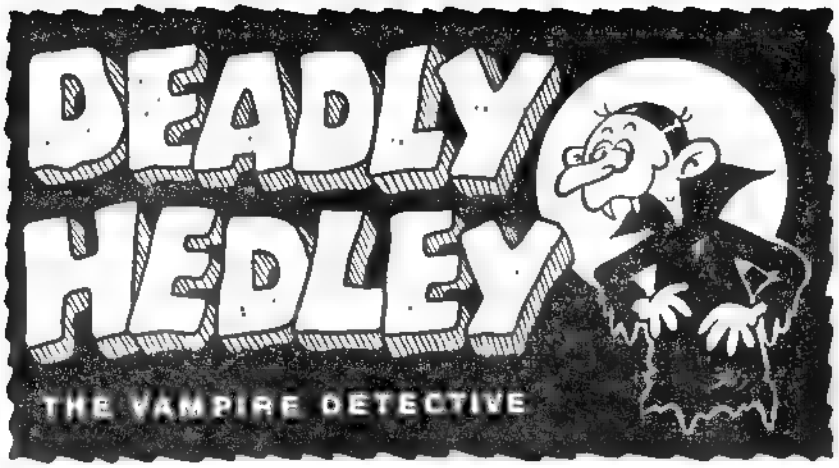

WHAT'S THIS? HEDLEY COMMITTING A ROBBERY?
BEEP! BEEP!
STOP, THIEF!
NO! IT'S BAD BERT THE BANDIT!
HURR, HURR! THIS VAMPIRE DISGUISE WORKED A TREAT! THE BANK CLERKS WERE SO SCARED THEY HANDED OVER THE MONEY STRAIGHT AWAY!




YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR ROBBING A BANK AND IMPERSONATING A VAMPIRE!
B-BUT IT WASN'T ME! I'M INNOCENT! HONEST!
THE BLOKE WHO KNOCKED ME OVER MUST BE THE REAL ROBBER! I'LL NAB HIM!
FLAP!
FLAP! FLAP!
POP!
AAGH! HE'S A R-REAL VAMPIRE!
THERE HE IS!
PUFF! PANT! I'M FED UP WITH RUNNING! WISH I COULD FLY LIKE A REAL VAMPIRE!
FLAP! FLAP!



DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
SOB! SOB! WAIL!
HELLO! WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET?
SOB! SOMEONE'S RUN OFF WITH MY JACK!
COO! A KID-NAPPING!
WELL, I'M A DETECTIVE... I'LL FIND HIM FOR YOU!
B-BUT...
SOON...
LOTS OF CRIMINAL TYPES HANG ABOUT IN THERE! THEY MAY KNOW WHERE JACK'S KIDNAPPERS ARE!
THE JOLLY BURGLAR CLUB
GALLOP!
I'LL PUT ON MY SCARY VAMPIRE ACT AND FRIGHTEN THE INFORMATION OUT OF THEM!
CLUMP! CLUMP!
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE CALLED JACK — AND IF I DON'T FIND HIM, THERE'LL BE TROUBLE!
NO-ONE BY THAT NAME HERE! BUT YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE, IF YOU WANT TROUBLE!
OOER! IT DIDN'T WORK!
MASHER
BASHER
CRUSHER
AND...
DOH! I'LL HAVE TO TELL HER THAT I FAILED TO FIND HIM!
SOB!
STAGGER!
STAGGER!
OOF! WHO LEFT THAT THERE?
TRIP!
CLANG!
THUD!
OOH! YOU CLEVER THING! YOU'VE FOUND MY CAR JACK!
SO IT WASN'T STOLEN! I MUST HAVE MISPLACED IT WHEN I CLEARED OUT THE GARAGE!
SQUEAK! SQUEAK!
M Baxendale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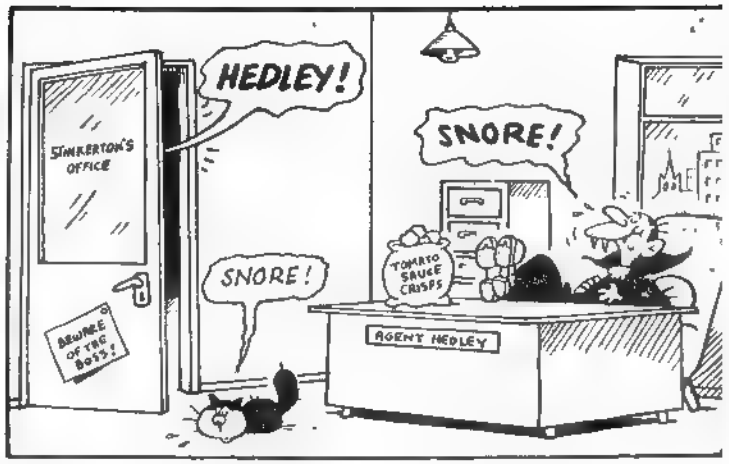
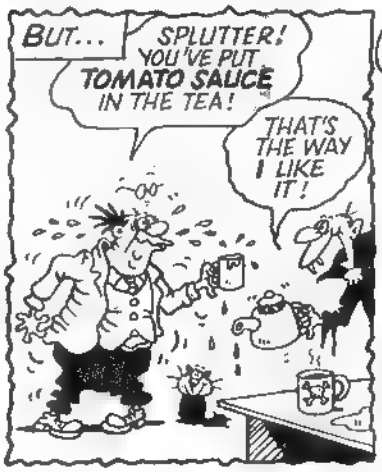
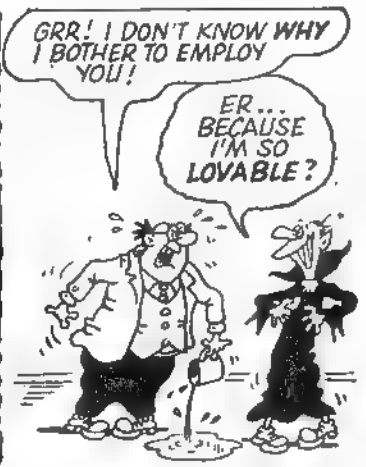
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

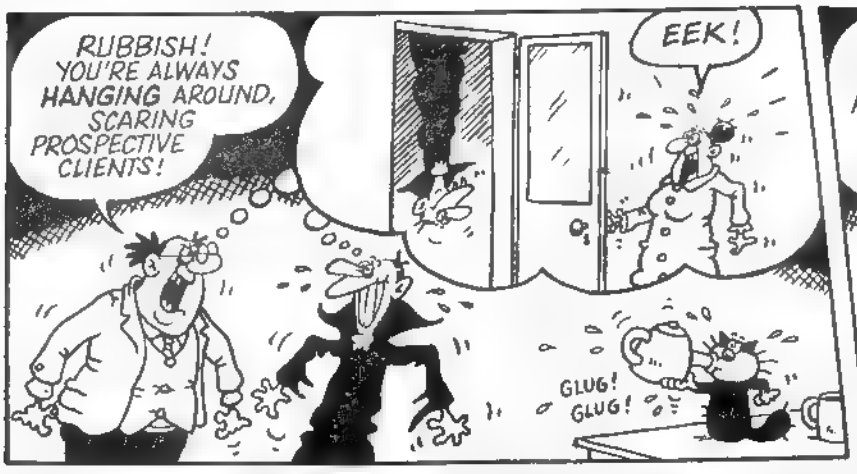

HEDLEY!
SNORE!
SNORE!
SINKERTON'S OFFICE
BEWARE OF THE BOSS!
TOMATO SAUCE CRISPS
AGENT HEDLEY

GRR! YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP AGAIN!
BUT VAMPIRES NEED TO SLEEP IN THE DAYTIME... YAWN... BECAUSE WE'RE AWAKE ALL NIGHT!
TOMATO SAUCE CRISPS
AGENT HEDLEY

NO EXCUSES... GO AND MAKE THE TEA!
YAWN!


BUT...
SPLUTTER! YOU'VE PUT TOMATO SAUCE IN THE TEA!
THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT!


GRR! I DON'T KNOW WHY I BOTHER TO EMPLOY YOU!
ER... BECAUSE I'M SO LOVABLE?


RUBBISH! YOU'RE ALWAYS HANGING AROUND, SCARING PROSPECTIVE CLIENTS!
EEK!
GLUG! GLUG!

AND YOU'RE A USELESS DETECTIVE! REMEMBER THE CASE OF THE MISSING GIRAFFE?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT IT WAS HIDING!

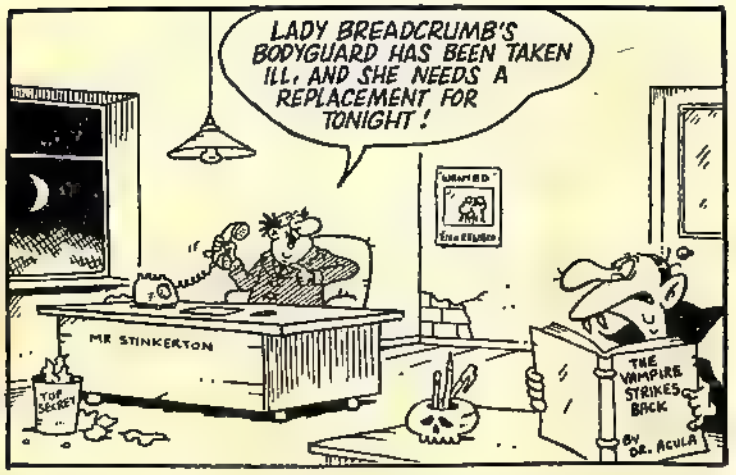
I OUGHT TO SACK YOU!
OH, NO! PLEASE DON'T, SIR!

OH, BOTHER! I'VE LOST MY PUNCH FOR MAKING HOLES IN PAPER!

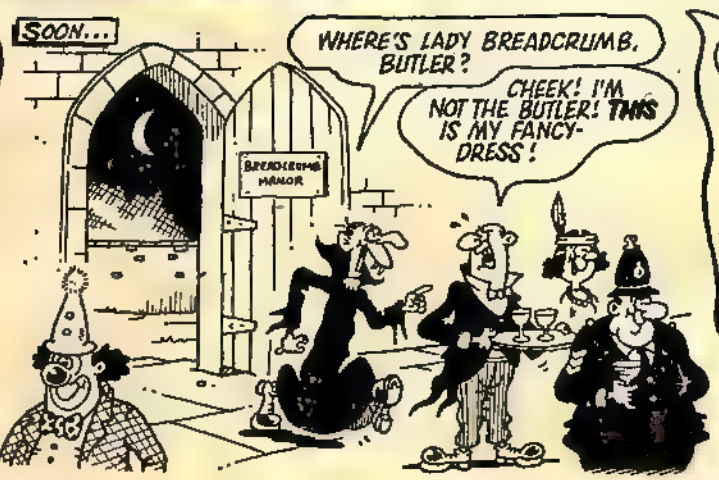
ALLOW ME TO HELP!
CHOMP!

AT LEAST SOMEONE'S FOUND A USE FOR YOU! MAYBE I'LL LET YOU STAY, AFTER ALL!
WELL, I DO LIKE GETTING MY TEETH INTO A JOB!
CHOMP!
M Barnsdale

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE


LADY BREADCRUMB'S BODYGUARD HAS BEEN TAKEN ILL, AND SHE NEEDS A REPLACEMENT FOR TONIGHT!
MR STINKERTON
TOP SECRET
THE VAMPIRE STRIKES BACK
BY DR. ACULA

SHE'S GIVING A FANCY-DRESS PARTY! SO I'LL SEND YOU, HEDLEY, AS YOU'RE IN FANCY-DRESS ALREADY!
HMPH!


SOON...
WHERE'S LADY BREADCRUMB, BUTLER?
CHEEK! I'M NOT THE BUTLER! THIS IS MY FANCY-DRESS!
BREADCRUMB MANOR

THAT LOOKS LIKE ROCKY FLINTSTONE, THE GANGSTER! I BET HE'S HERE TO STEAL HER LADYSHIP'S VALUABLES!

GOTCHA!
ERK! WHAT'S GOING ON?
GRAB!

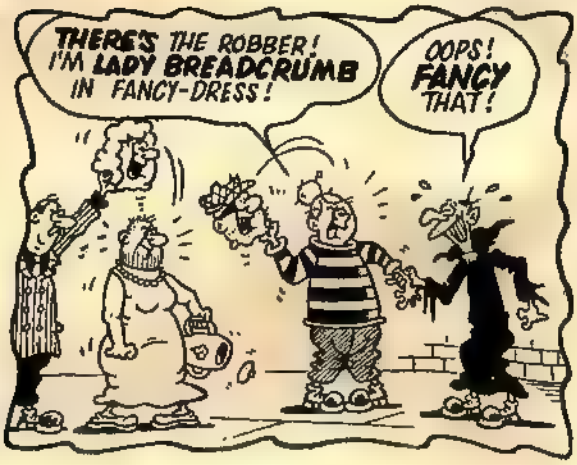
ORRR! I OUGHT TO HAVE YOU ARRESTED!
GASP! IT'S THE CHIEF OF POLICE, IN FANCY-DRESS!
PLOP!

EEK! HELP!
A CRY OF DISTRESS! IT MUST BE LADY BREADCRUMB!

LET GO!
OHO! A ROBBERY!

BUT I'LL PUT A STOP TO IT! GRAAAGH!
AAIEE! A REAL VAMPIRE!
LEAP!
BOUND!

GIVE UP QUIETLY, OR I'LL PUT THE BITE ON YOU!
H-HOW DARE YOU!
GRAB!


THERE'S THE ROBBER! I'M LADY BREADCRUMB IN FANCY-DRESS!
OOPS! FANCY THAT!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

ONE DAY...

BAD BARNEY IS HIDING OUT AT THE OLD FAIRGROUND! THERE'S A **REWARD** IF YOU CATCH HIM!

COO! A TIP-OFF!

IT MUST BE BAD BARNEY BIGGS, THE MOST **WANTED** CROOK IN TOWN!

SOON...

I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE, BARNEY! COME OUT—OR **ELSE!**

BUNBURY'S FAIRGROUND

CRIPES! THERE'S A WEIRDO AFTER ME! I'D BETTER SCARPER!

THERE HE GOES!

AH, HIS SCARE! HE MUST HAVE GONE INTO THE HALL OF MIRRORS!

IT WORKED! HE'LL BE LOST IN THERE FOR **HOURS!**

HOUSE OF MIRRORS

WE VAMPIRES HAVE **NO** REFLECTIONS, SO I'M NOT CONFUSED IN HERE!

AHAH! THERE HE GOES!

AAIEE! HOW DID HE GET OUT SO **FAST?**

EXIT

HEY! YOU'RE **NOT** BARNEY BIGGS THE BANDIT!

OF COURSE NOT! I'M BARNEY BIGGS THE **SCHOOL-BOY!**

THEN **WHO** GAVE ME THAT T.P-OFF?

I DID!

MUM!

HE RAN OFF WITHOUT HAVING HIS TEA! HE'S TOO TRICKY FOR ME, SO I GOT **YOU** TO CATCH HIM!

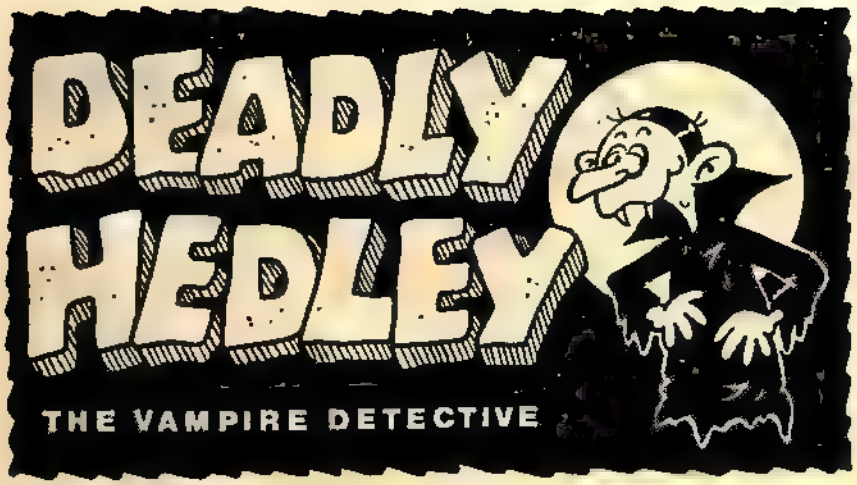
B-BUT WHAT ABOUT MY REWARD?

YOU CAN SHARE HIS **TEA** AS A REWARD! SPINACH AND PRUNE PIE!

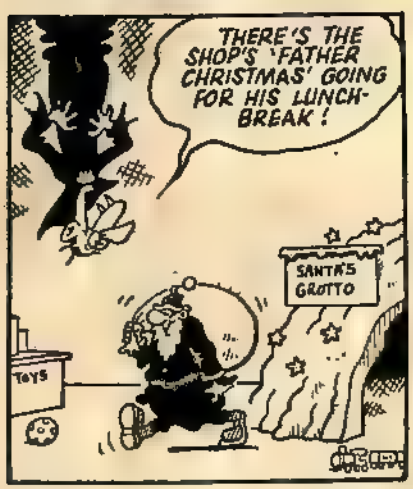
GURGLE! I CAN SEE **WHY** HE RAN OFF!

M Barnaby

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
CONCERT HALL
TONIGHT! STEVE STUPID IN CONCERT!
SIGH! I WISH I WERE A FAMOUS POP STAR!
LOOK! THERE'S STEVE STUPID IN HIS VAMPIRE GEAR!
NOW TO CARRY OUT OUR PLAN!
DREAMS OF FAME!
ERK! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE GOING TO HOLD YOU TO RANSOM!
SNATCH!
VRROOM!
YOUR MANAGER WILL PAY A FORTUNE TO HAVE YOU FREED!
B-BUT I HAVEN'T GOT A MANAGER!
I'M JUST A POOR VAMPIRE!
A VAMPIRE? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! HURR, HURR!
IT'S TRUE... LOOK!
AAAIEE!
POP!
FLAP!
FLAP!
FLAP!
CRASH!
ZOOOM
SCREECH!
NOW TO 'PHONE THE POLICE TO PICK UP THOSE CROOKS!
POP!
TELEPHONE
LATER...
I GOT A REWARD FOR CATCHING THOSE CROOKS— AND A TICKET FOR MR. STUPID'S CONCERT!
CONCERT HALL
GASP! IT'S HIM!
FUNNY! HE'S SHORTER THAN HE LOOKS ON TELLY!
I LUV STEVE STUPID
GRAB HIM!
GET A LOCK OF HIS HAIR!
IF THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING A POP STAR, I'LL STICK TO DETECTIVE WORK!
GALLOP!


DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I'VE BEEN HIRED AS A STORE DETECTIVE, TO KEEP WATCH FOR SHOP-LIFTERS!
PERFUMES

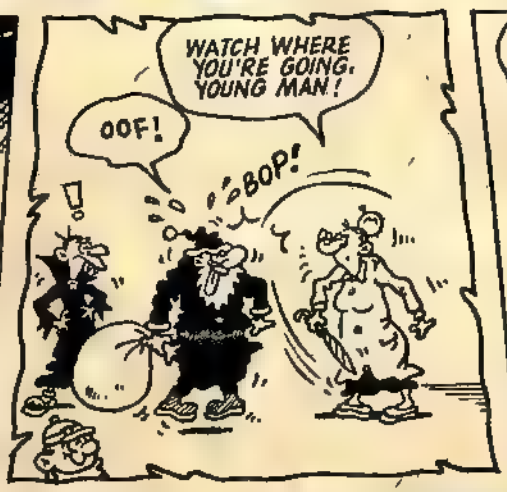

THERE'S THE SHOP'S 'FATHER CHRISTMAS' GOING FOR HIS LUNCH-BREAK!
SANTA'S GROTTO
TOYS

SWOOP!
HELLO, SANTA!, I'M THE STORE DETECTIVE!
ERK!

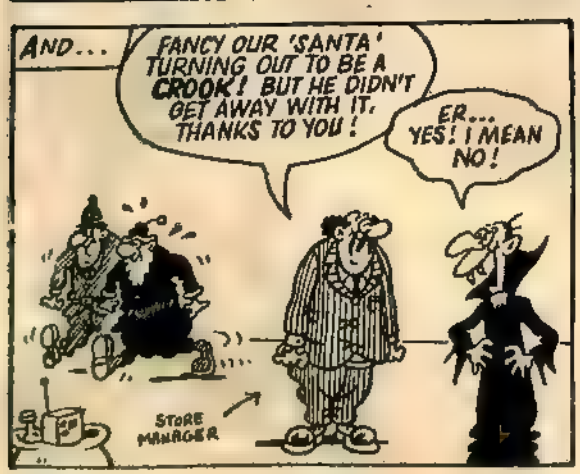
YOU WON'T CATCH ME, YOU WEIRDO!
OOYAH!
THUD!

FUNNY BEHAVIOUR FOR A FATHER CHRISTMAS! I PROBABLY JUST SCARED HIM!

I'D BETTER CATCH HIM UP AND APOLOGISE! HEY, SANTA!
ERK! HE'S STILL AFTER ME!
BOOMF!
GALLOP!


WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOUNG MAN!
OOF!
BOP!

COO! HIS SACK WAS FULL OF LUXURY GOODS FROM THE STORE!
DOHH!
DAZE!


AND...
FANCY OUR 'SANTA' TURNING OUT TO BE A CROOK! BUT HE DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH IT, THANKS TO YOU!
ER... YES! I MEAN NO!
STORE MANAGER

TROUBLE IS... WHERE CAN WE GET A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM?

AND...
THIS JOB SUITS ME FINE! I LOVE HANGING AROUND IN CAVES! HO, HO!
WELCOME TO SANTA'S GROTTO!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

CHRISTMAS DAY

SLURP! MR. STINKERTON GAVE ME THIS GIANT PORK PIE AS A CHRISTMAS BONUS!

OOER! IT WAS A TRICK PIE!

LOOK— THERE'S A MESSAGE, DEAR!

JAB!

BANG!

FROM THE PORK PIE PIRATE... I'VE STOLEN THE REAL PIE! IF YOU WANT IT BACK, SOLVE THIS CLUE :- "ISN'T TONKER'S ICE OFF?"

CAN **YOU** SOLVE THE CLUE, READERS?

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... UNLESS...

I KNOW! IT SPELLS "STINKERTON'S OFFICE" IF YOU **UNSCRAMBLE** THE LETTERS!

COO!

VAMPIRE BAT

WARNING BAT

THE **REAL** PIE MUST BE HIDDEN AT THE OFFICE! COME ALONG, AUNTIE!

HOW EXCITING!

SOON..

GASP! ALL THE OTHER DETECTIVES ARE **HERE**, AS WELL!

STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY

A MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE IN MY CHRISTMAS BONUS LED ME HERE!

ME, TOO!

SAME HERE!

I SENT THOSE CLUES! ONLY DETECTIVES **CLEVER** ENOUGH TO SOLVE THEM HAVE ARRIVED AT MY **SURPRISE** PARTY!

AND..

♫ CONGA... CONGA MERRY CHRISTMAS!

M Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
BANK
MIDWEST BANK
♫ TUM-TEE-TUM! ♫
CLUMP! CLUMP!
DRRNG!
AN ALARM! THE BANK MUST HAVE BEEN ROBBED!
THE THIEVES WENT THAT-A-WAY!
DEADLY HEDLEY TO THE RESCUE!
BANK
POP!
BURBLE! THEY RAN RIGHT OVER ME — THREE OF THEM!
GRR... WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?
SLIGHTLY TRAMPLED
INTO THE HIGH STREET!
THANKS, CHUM!
FLAP!
FLAP! FLAP!
THAT TRAMPLING MUST HAVE AFFECTED MY MIND! I THOUGHT A BAT SPOKE TO ME JUST THEN! BURBLE!
FLAP!
FLAP!
STAGGER!
OH, NO! I FORGOT TO GET A DESCRIPTION OF THE CROOKS! HOW WILL I SPOT THEM?
FLAP!
FLAP!
HIGH ST
I'LL HAVE TO USE MY SUPER-KEEN VAMPIRE EYESIGHT!
READERS— ARE YOUR EYES AS SHARP AS HEDLEY'S? CAN YOU SPOT THE ROBBERS?
GOT IT! STOP, THIEF!
YIPES! SPOTTED!
ZOOM!
A GOOD DISGUISE, BUT NOT CLEVER ENOUGH!
GRR! HOW DID YOU WORK IT OUT?
SWOOP!
SNATCH!
IT WAS EASY! THE THREE LADIES ONLY HAD ONE PAIR OF LEGS!
CHINK!
POP!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I'M KNITTING A NEW CUSHION FOR THE OCTOPUS BASKET, DEAR!

VERY NICE AUNTIE!

GLEEP!

BANK

SIGH. I WISH I HAD A HOBBY TO TAKE MY MIND OFF BEING BROKE!

CLUMP!

CLUMP!

DRRRIIIINNGG!

HELP!

IF ONLY I COULD SOLVE A CRIME AND GET A BIG REWARD!

BUT NO SUCH LUCK! THAT SORT OF THING RARELY HAPPENS TO ME!

STOP, THIEF! HE'S JUST ROBBED THE BANK!

LAST IN THOUGHT

SIGH! A LITTLE FLIGHT ROUND THE PARK MIGHT CHEER ME UP!

EEK! THAT MANS TURNED INTO A B-BAT!

FUP!

ON SECOND THOUGHTS, I'M TOO FED UP TO FLY!

AAGH! HE'S HUMAN AGAIN.

FUP!

CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! YOU STOPPED THAT ROBBER! PLEASE ACCEPT THIS REWARD!

BURBLE!

BIG PARDON?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT HAPPENED, BUT I'M NOT ARGUING!

GIBBER!

NEXT DAY...

SHRIEK! MY REWARD MONEY WAS ON THIS TABLE! WHERE HAS IT GONE?

GONE!

THAT FUNNY GREEN PAPER? I CUT IT UP AND STUFFED IT INSIDE ALISTAIR'S CUSHION... AS PADDING!

AAAGH!

I BOUNCE!

SO...

GROAN! I'VE GOT A HOBBY NOW. GLUEING PIECES OF BANK NOTES TOGETHER!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

WHAT'S THIS... HEDLEY DASHING ABOUT ON HIS DAY OFF ?!

PUFF! PANT!

HEDLEY HALL

ZOOM!

CAN HE BE ON A SECRET MISSION ?

ERK! A SNOW-DRIFT!

THUD!

SPIDE!

I'LL HAVE TO USE THESE SKIS THAT UNCLE YETI LEFT BEHIND WHEN HE VISITED US !

MAYBE HE'S AFTER A DANGEROUS MASTER CRIMINAL !

ZOOOM!

PERHAPS THIS IS THE ANSWER...HEDLEY IS DASHING TO PREVENT A ROBBERY!

HELP. STOP, THIEF!

BANK

ZOOM!

GALLOP!

OOF!

AAAGH!

BUMP!

WONDERFUL! FANTASTIC! WHAT A BRAVE MAN!

RATS! THAT COLLISION HAS BROKEN MY SKIS! NOW I'LL HAVE TO FLY... HOPE I GET THERE IN TIME!

STOP! WON'T YOU ACCEPT THIS REWARD?

NO TIME FOR THAT!

FLAP!

FLAP! FLAP!

POP!

NO TIME TO COLLECT A REWARD?! HEDLEY MUST BE ON A REALLY URGENT MISSION!

FLAP!

FLAP!

YOUR USUAL, MR HEDLEY?

GASP! YES, PLEASE! THANK GOODNESS I GOT HERE BEFORE YOU CLOSED!

POP!

CHOMP!

CHOMP!

SLURP! SLURP!

CHEW!

...AND ALL BECAUSE THE VAMPIRE LOVES PORK PIES!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

GULP! I W-WISH WE'D N-NEVER MOVED INTO THIS CREEPY MANSION! IT'S H-HAUNTED!

WAIL!

CREAK!

GR-AN!

DON'T WORRY DEAR! I'VE NEED A DETECTIVE TO SORT THINGS OUT! THAT MUST BE HIM NOW!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

HELLO!

AAAGH! A VAMPIRE!

RUN!

B-BUT... I'M THE DETECTIVE THAT YOU SENT FOR!

MEANWHILE...

HURR, HURR! I'LL SLIP THIS INFLATABLE GHOST THROUGH THE KEYHOLE.. AND GIVE THOSE PEOPLE A FRIGHT!

FUFF!

B...

RUMBLE!

SPLAT!

OOF!

GASP! IT'S NAUGHTY NED THE ROBBER!

GOSH! HE MUST HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SCARE US AWAY!

BURBLE!

LATER

SAAN!

CHAK!

HMM! NED WOULDN'T TELL ME WHAT HE WAS UP TO... SO I'LL HAVE TO RELAX AND THINK ABOUT THIS...

HE'S ALWAYS HANGING AROUND!

LOOK OUT! THE CHANDELIER'S GOING TO...

CRACK!

...BREAK! EAK!

AAGH!

CRASH!

BOUNCE

GOSH! THE CHANDELIER IS MADE OF DIAMONDS — AND I BET NED KNEW!

OF COURSE!

AND...

COME ON, HEDLEY! HOW DID YOU SOLVE THE CASE?

OH, I JUST HUNG AROUND 'TIL EVERYTHING FELL INTO PLACE!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

SOME TOUGHS HAVE BEEN BULLYING THE LOCAL SCOUT TROOP ... YOU'RE TO PUT A **STOP** TO IT!

AND I'M COMING ALONG TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU **DON'T** SCARE THE SCOUTS WITH YOUR **WEIRD** BEHAVIOUR!

SOON ..

HELLO, LADS! DIB-DIB-DOB!

EEK! A **VAMPIRE!**

DON'T WORRY, BOYS! HE'S A DETECTIVE... ER.. **PRETENDING** TO BE A VAMPIRE TO SCARE OFF THESE BULLIES!

SO ..

HERE THEY COME NOW!

WE'LL TEACH THEM A LESSON!

5TH BIGGTON SCOUT TROOP

OKAY, MATES! WHICH OF THESE **WEEDS** SHOULD WE BULLY FIRST?

TOY **ME!**

WHO'S THIS **LOONY?**

GRAAH!

YOU CAN'T SCARE US WITH **THAT** PHONEY ACT, MATEY!

I'VE A MIND TO YANK OUT THOSE **FALSE** FANGS!

OOER!

GETTING SCARED!

WHEN HEDLEY GETS NERVOUS...

SHRIEK!

POP!

...HE TURNS INTO A **BAT!**

EEK! RUN! HE REALLY **IS** A VAMPIRE!

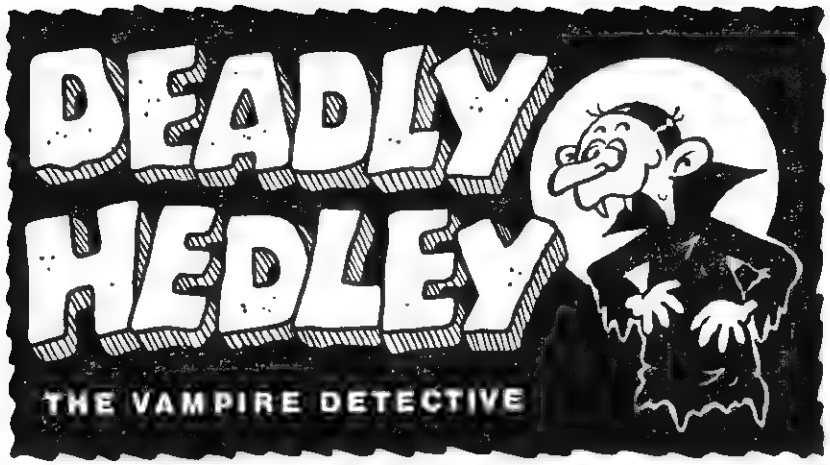
HO HO! THAT SHOWED **THEM**, EH, PALS?

GONE!

GRR! IT SHOWED THE **SCOUTS**, TOO! WHEN THEY SAW YOU CHANGE INTO A BAT, THEY **FAINTED!**

ER... MAYBE THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A **PASSING-OUT** PARADE!

FEELING OVER


DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

THE BUGSY BEEF BANK ROBBERS ARE HIDING OUT AT THAT ADDRESS! GO AND SORT THEM OUT!
LITTLE ME... ON MY OWN? GULP!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
TREASURE AVENUE BLOOMTON

LATER...
BURBLE! I GOT BACK THE LOOT, BUT IT WASN'T EASY!

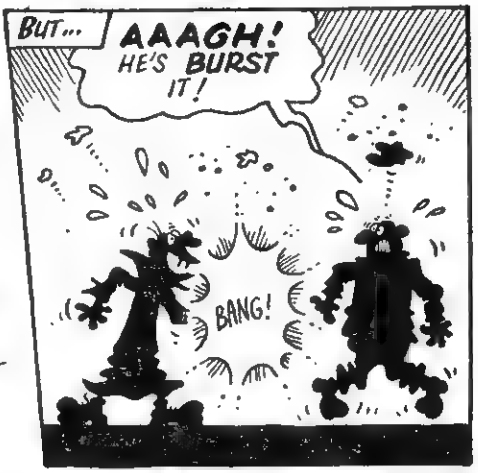
MY DETECTIVES KEEP GETTING BEATEN UP WHILE ON MISSIONS! I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
COO! MAYBE HE'S GOING TO GIVE ME DANGER MONEY!

BUT...
THIS GENT WILL GIVE YOU FIRST AID LESSONS, SO YOU CAN PATCH YOURSELF UP!
SIGH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!
FIRST AID

FIRST QUESTION... WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU FELT DIZZY AND WEAK?
FIRST AID

EASY! I'D HANG UPSIDE-DOWN IN THE FRESH AIR 'TIL MY HEAD CLEARED!
GRRR! GET BACK IN HERE, HEDLEY!
GASP!

ER... GIBBER... N-NOW I'D LIKE YOU TO PRACTISE THE KISS OF LIFE ON THAT INFLATABLE DUMMY!
SWOOP!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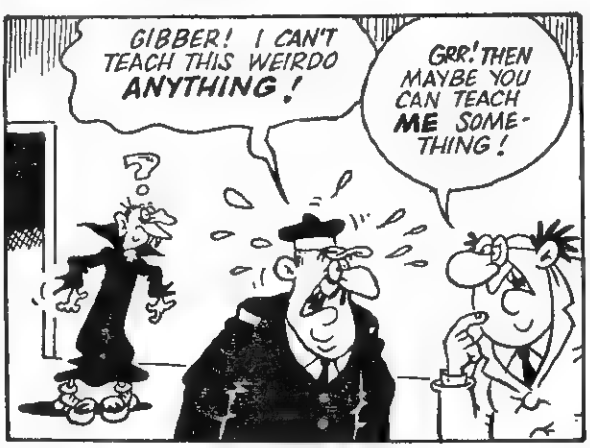
AAAGH! HE'S BURST IT!
BANG!

SORRY! MY FANGS, YOU KNOW! I SHARPENED THEM LAST NIGHT!
F-FANGS? AAAGH!


GIBBER! I CAN'T TEACH THIS WEIRDO ANYTHING!
GRR! THEN MAYBE YOU CAN TEACH ME SOMETHING!

SO...
HO, HO! AT LAST I'VE LEARNED HOW TO MAKE HEDLEY WRAP UP!
WAH! I WANT MY MUMMY!
BANDAGES

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

HELLO, LORD BELLAMY. I'M THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE THAT YOU HIRED.

YAWN! I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO COME IN THE **MIDDLE** OF THE NIGHT!

STILL MY RARE **POISONOUS** RATTLESNAKE **ESCAPED** YESTERDAY! I WANT YOU TO FIND IT.

WHY DO I ALWAYS GET THE **ROTTEN** JOBS?

I'LL START BY SEARCHING THE GROUNDS.

GOOD! I'LL COME AND HELP ONCE I'M DRESSED!

HMMPH! IT COULD BE **ANYWHERE** IN THIS OVERGROWN JUNGLE!

I'LL "**POP**" UP TO THIS TREE FOR A QUICK DOZE 'TIL HIS LORDSHIP COMES TO HELP WITH THE SEARCH!

POP!

INSTANT CHANGE TO VAMPIRE BAT!

SOON

SNORE!

OKAY! I'M READY! GRRR! WHERE'S THAT DAFT-LOOKING DETECTIVE?

MMM! A TASTY BAT TUM YUM!

SNORE!

GAD. LOOK AT THAT! A **RARE** **VAMPIRUS BATTUS!** I MUST HAVE IT FOR MY COLLECTION!

JUST THEN, HE WOKE UP ..

AAGH! I'M BEING **ATTACKED** FROM BOTH SIDES.

SWIPE!

FLAP!

FLAP!

FLAP!

GASP THAT BAT GOT AWAY BUT I'VE MANAGED TO CAPTURE MY **RATTLESNAKE!**

POP!

PAH, WHILE YOU WERE DODGING WORK I CAPTURED THE SNAKE! SO **DON'T** EXPECT ANY PAYMENT!

GROAN. THERE'S **GRATITUDE** FOR YOU!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

HEDLEY HAD A NEW HOBBY...

I WISH I **WERE** A LIZARD, SITTING IN THE SUN, IT REALLY WOULD BE WIZARD, I'D HAVE A LOT OF FUN!

STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY

SCRIBBLE! SCRIBBLE!

AGENT HEDLEY

BAH! STOP WRITING THAT SOPPY **POETRY!** YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A **TOUGH** DETECTIVE!

SNATCH!

I'M GOING TO A MEETING, SO LOOK AFTER THE OFFICE!

Y-YES, BOSS!

WHEW! I THINK I'LL GO FOR A SNOOZE AND **DREAM UP** SOME MORE POETRY!

DRAT! I'VE FORGOTTEN MY HAT! I'D BETTER GO BACK FOR IT!

HMMPH! HEDLEY'S NOT AROUND! IF HE'S SKIVING, I'LL GIVE HIM THE **SACK!**

LATER...

THAT BLOKE LOOKS WELL OFF! HE MIGHT HAVE VALUABLES IN HIS CASE...

STOMP!

... SO I'LL **SNATCH** IT!

SHRIEK! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TRIED THAT, IF ONE OF MY DETECTIVES HAD BEEN HERE!

DID SOMEONE CALL?

AAAGH! A **SPOOK** FROM NOWHERE! I'M OFF!

OOF! YOU'VE SAVED ME, HEDLEY! BUT HOW DID YOU GET HERE SO FAST?

WELL, I'D TURNED INTO A **BAT**, AND WAS ASLEEP IN YOUR **HAT!**

POP!

MORE POETRY!

SQUASH!

BUT YOU SQUASHED ME **FLAT**, YOU LAZY **BAT!** TAKE **THAT**, AND **THAT!**

NOW STINKERTONS AT IT!

SWIPE!

OW! THERE'S **GRATITUDE** FOR YOU!

BONK!

M. Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I BOUGHT THIS OLD HEARSE FROM A SCRAPYARD! I'M GOING TO CONVERT IT INTO A HEDLEYMOBILE FOR FIGHTING CRIME!

CLANG!

LATER

PHEW! FINISHED! I CAN'T WAIT TO TAKE IT OUT!

SOON...

EEK! STOP! THAT MAN HAS BURGLED MY HOUSE!

OUT OF THE WAY TOOTHY! I'M TAKING THIS CAR FOR A FAST GETAWAY!

BOOMF!

I'LL JUST PRESS THE STARTER... GLUB!

OOPS! THAT'S THE TOMATO SAUCE DISPENSER, IN CASE I GET THIRSTY WHILE I'M DRIVING!

SQUIRT

OH, NO! NOW HE'S SET OFF ALL THE OTHER GADGETS... OW!...

BEEP! BEEP!

SPOON-TERING BAT-ELLITE

BAT-CATAPULT

BAT-TERING RAM

CLICK!

CLANG!

CLICK

BOOMF!

...INCLUDING THE BAT-EJECTOR!

SPRONG!

AAGH!

MY CAR!

OH MY GOODNESS!

CRUNCH!

HMM... THE HEDLEYMOBILE DIDN'T LAST LONG... BUT AT LEAST IT CAUGHT ONE CRIMINAL!

LATER

STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY CAR PARK

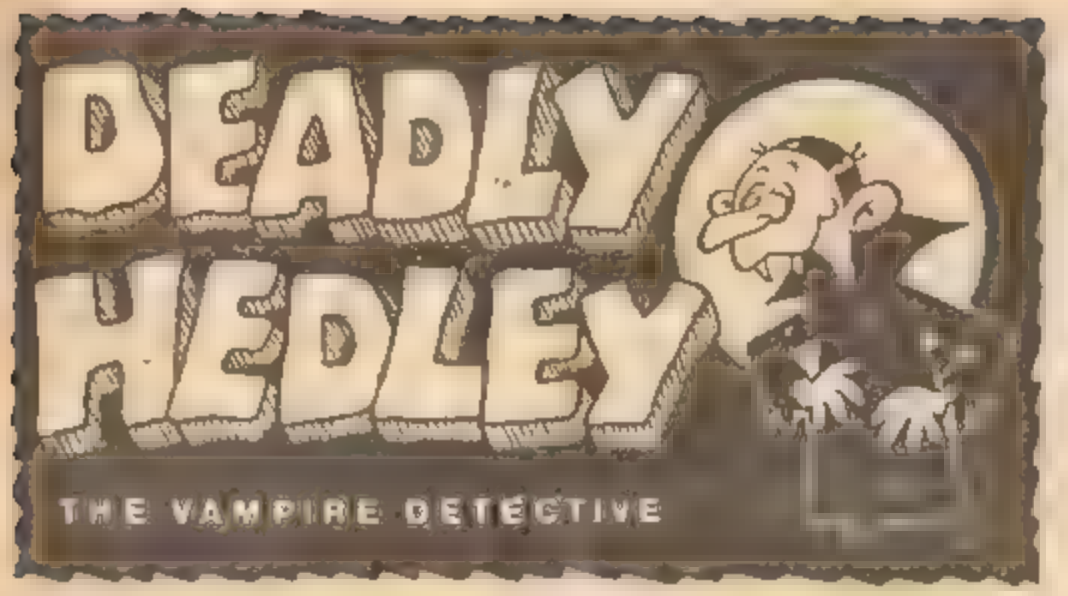
WHAT'S THIS? HAS HEDLEY BOUGHT A NEW HEDLEYMOBILE WITH THE REWARD FOR CATCHING THE CROOK?

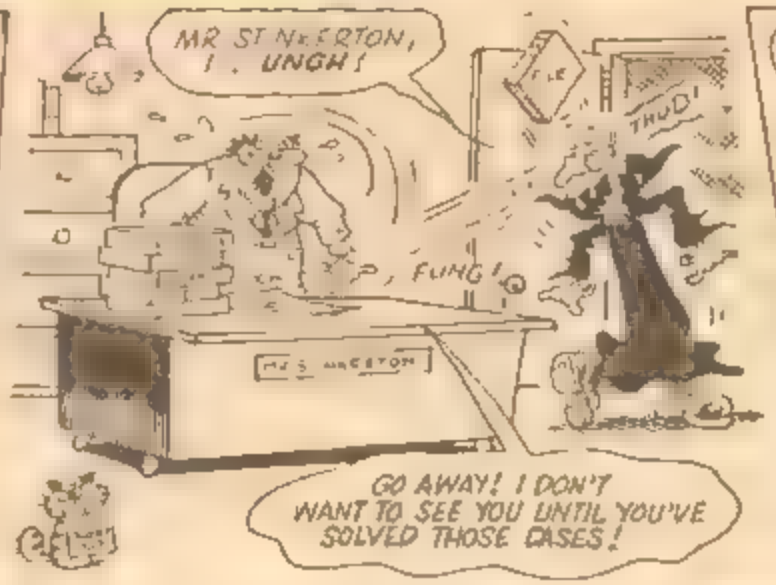
MAYOR STINKERTON'S CAR KEEP OFF!

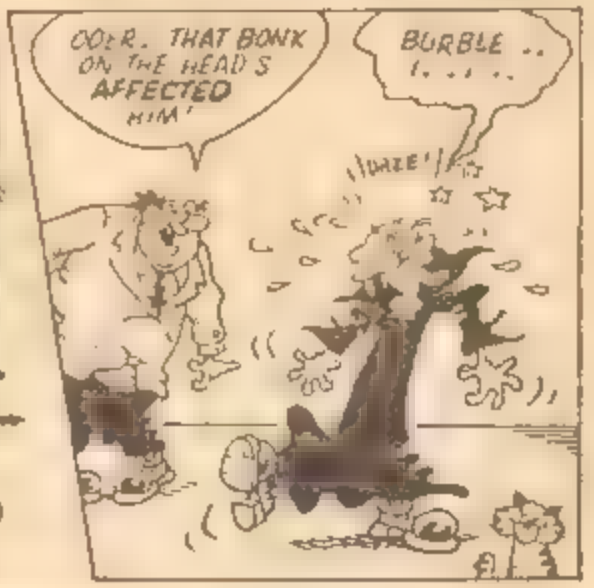
NO! I SPENT THE MONEY ON PORK PIES! AND I TURNED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE HEDLEYMOBILE INTO A PIEMOBILE!

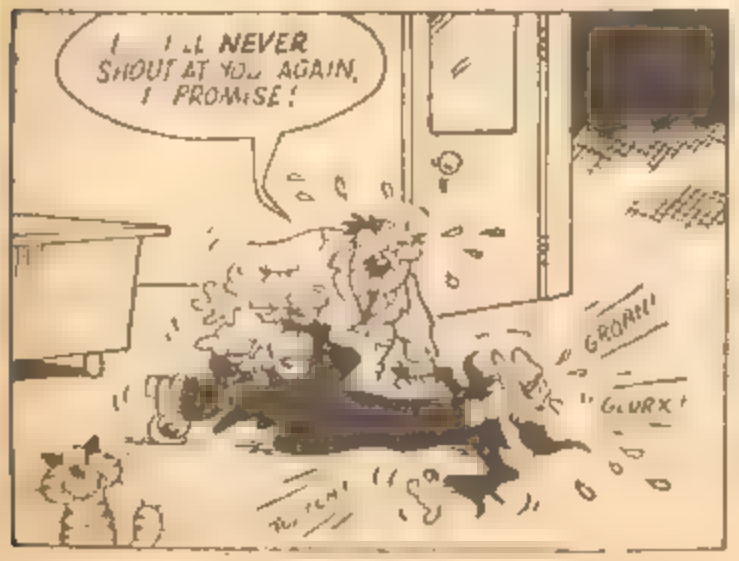
DEADLY HEDLEY

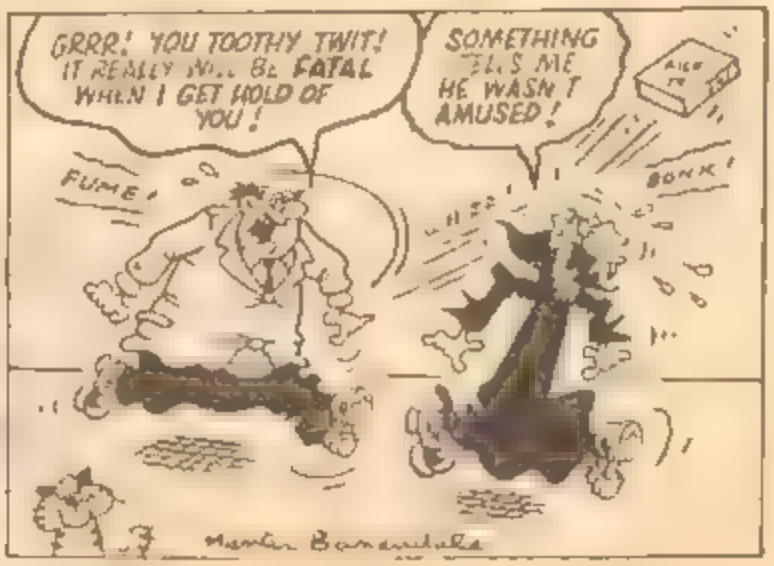
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE










GRRR! YOU TOOTHY TWIT! IT REALLY WILL BE FATAL WHEN I GET HOLD OF YOU!
SOMETHING TELLS ME HE WASN'T AMUSED!
FUME!
BONK!
Martin Baxendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

THE FIRST DETECTIVE TO FIND HIM GETS A BIG REWARD!
COO!
I'LL FIND HIM, USING MY SUPERIOR ABILITIES OF DETECTION!
SHERLOCK SUGGS, STAR DETECTIVE
BAH! BIG-HEAD!
PAH! I'LL FIND HIM FIRST, WITH THIS ROBOT TRACKER-DOG!
PROF. TWERK! STINKERTON'S GADGETS EXPERT
BEEP! BEEP!

NO WAY, BABY! MY UNDERWORLD CONTACTS WILL TELL ME WHERE THE GUY IS!
KOTAK COLUMBUS, EX-AMERICAN COP
I WISH I WERE THAT TOUGH!
YOU'RE ALL WASTING YOUR TIME, OLD CHAPS! I'LL TRACK HIM DOWN!
I WISH I WERE THAT COOL!
JAMES BONG, SOPHISTICATED SUPER-TEC
SUCK!
GRRR! HOW CAN I COMPETE AGAINST THOSE CLEVER DETECTIVES?
IT'S NOT FAIR! IT MAKES ME SO ANGRY!
BOOMF!
KLOING!
CLANG!
THUD!
G-GAH! I G-GIVE UP! I C-CAN'T STAND ANY M-MORE OF THAT BANGING!
GASP! IT'S RICK THE ROBBER!
Martin Baxendale
AND...
TO WHAT DO YOU OWE YOUR SUCCESS, MR. HEDLEY?
ER... I JUST USED MY HEAD, THAT'S ALL! CHUCKLE!
JEALOUS!
PRESS

MONSTER MIRTH

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DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I'M THE SECURITY GUARD AT A WAX-WORKS MUSEUM THIS WEEK... BUT WHAT A BORING JOB!

KING KONG

STILL, THE CHAMBER OF HORRORS IS JUST LIKE HOME FOR ME! I'LL HAVE A SNOOZE HERE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE WAX WORKS OVER THE ROAD...

I EXPECTED TO EARN A FORTUNE WITH MY CHAMBER OF HORRORS BUT MY MONSTERS AREN'T SCARY ENOUGH!

BAH! NOBODY WANTS TO VISIT MY WAX-WORKS. EVERYBODY FLOCKS TO THAT OTHER ONE!

BLODGET'S WAXWORKS ADMISSION £1.50

SO I'LL STEAL SOME DUMMIES FROM THAT OTHER WAXWORKS!

WHO

QUIET! DOES IT.

THREESAUD'S WAXWORKS

S-SOME OF THESE MODELS ARE REALLY REALISTIC ... AN' C-CREEPY..

.. EXCEPT FOR THIS VAMPIRE! IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A SCRUFFY WAITER!

BLOOD

THAT'S A BIT HARSH!

AAGH! IT IS ALIVE!

HE CAME HERE TO STEAL DUMMIES I'LL BET - NOW HE IS ONE!

SCARED STIFF

AND.

MR. BLODGET GOT THREE MONTHS... AS AN EXHIBIT IN MR. THREESAUD'S CHAMBER OF HORRORS! HA. HA!

SCARED STIFF

FROZEN STIFF

PERMANENTLY FROZEN

THE FROZEN MAN

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE FAMINE DETECTIVE

I WISH AUNTIE COULD AFFORD A WASHING-MACHINE, THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO TO THE LAUNDERETTE!

FLAP!

FLAP!

HEDLEY HALL

LAUNDERETTE

POP!

ZOOM

EEK! WHAT'S THAT?

AND ..

WOW! THAT DRESSY CLOTHING MUST BE WORTH MONEY!

TUM TEE TUM

LAUNDRY ATTENDANT'S OFFICE

I'LL JUST NIP DOWN TO THE PORK PIE SHOP FOR A SNACK!

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

TUMBLE DRIER

10p

SOON...

THESE WILL DO FOR NOW! MY CLOTHES SHOULD BE READY SOON!

CHOMP!

BUT.

SORRY, MATE, YOU LEFT YOUR CLOTHES IN THE TUMBLE-DRIER FOR TOO LONG!

EEK!

HEY! THESE ARE CLEAN!

OF COURSE! THEY'VE BEEN WASHED, HAVEN'T THEY?

GRIME

THEN YOU COULDN'T HAVE NOTICED WHAT I PUT IN THE MACHINE FOR MY CLOTHES!

AHA! YOU STOLE THEM AND SWAPPED 'EM FOR OLD RAGS!

ERK! HE'S TUMBLED ME!

LAUNDRY ATTENDANT'S OFFICE →

AND I'VE BAGGED YOU!

ZIIIP!

PLOP!

LATER.

I CERTAINLY TOOK THAT VILLAIN TO THE CLEANERS! I'LL BE ABLE TO DO MY OWN WASHING IN FUTURE!

GLUG! GLUG!

GLOOP!

DAILY MIDDLE

CRIMES COME OUT IN THE WASH!

H Barrendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I'VE A HOLIDAY RELIEF JOB AT THE SAUCE FACTORY THIS WEEK—AS A SECURITY GUARD!

"SLOPPY SAUCE" FACTORY

SECURITY

THE WAGES AREN'T MUCH—BUT I CAN HAVE ALL THE TOMATO SAUCE I CAN DRINK! SLURP!

HEDLEY LOVES TOMATO SAUCE!

MEANWHILE...

WE'LL GET INSIDE THE SAUCE FACTORY IN THIS PHONEY VAN.. THEN WE'LL STEAL THEIR PAYROLL!

VROOM!

LIFT THE BARRIER, MATE! WE'VE COME TO PICK UP A DELIVERY!

VROOOM!

OKAY!

CREAK!

HMM! I'VE A HUNCH THOSE TWO ARE UP TO NO GOOD!

Readers, Can you spot Hedley's 'Sauce' of information?

HEY! WHY IS THE SAUCE BOTTLE LABEL ON YOUR VAN UPSIDE-DOWN?

GRR! YOU DOLT!

DUHHH... SORRY, BOSS!

I'LL SOON STOP THEM!

LET'S GET AWAY FROM THAT SNOOP!

VROOOM!

PITY TO WASTE GOOD SAUCE LIKE THIS. BUT...

GAH! I CAN'T SEE!

SPLURP!

VROOM!

AAAGH! I'M LOSING CONTROL!

HO HO! THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW HAD TO KETCHUP WITH 'EM IN THE END!

800,000 GRLS. TOMATO SAUCE

SWERVE!

AND...

DO I GET A REWARD FOR STOPPING THOSE CROOKS, MISTER MANAGER?

NOT 'TIL YOU'VE CLEARED UP THIS MESS!

NO PROBLEM! I'VE GOT IT LICKED!

GASP!

SLURP!

LICK! LICK!

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

I'VE BROUGHT AUNTIE FOR A MEAL AT THE **POSHEST** RESTAURANT IN TOWN!

!

menu

GOT ANY **PORK PIES!**

CERTAINLY **NOT!** HOW **COMMON!**

I'LL HAVE A RARE **STEAK,** THEN!

AS LONG AS IT ISN'T A WOODEN **STAKE,** DEAR! CHUCKLE!

ANYTHING FOR DESSERT, SIR?

BLOOD ORANGES, PLEASE! TEE, HEE!

SJOON..

THIS IS THE CHEF'S SPECIALTY. I HOPE YOU'LL EAT IT WITH **RELISH!**

NO THANKS. I'D RATHER HAVE **TOMATO SAUCE** ON MINE

SPLURP!

I'M TIRED OF YOU! WE DON'T NEED YOUR KIND IN HERE!

MEANWHILE

THE QUICKNY DE POSH

STOP, THIEF! HE'S STOLEN MY **TAKINGS!**

HURR HURR!

..AND **STAY** OUT!

OOPS.

SPLAT!

BOOT!

OOYAH!

WELL DONE! YOU **STOPPED** THAT CROOK!

ER... I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO DO A BIT OF DETECTIVE WORK IN MY SPARE TIME!

BLITHER!

TWEET! TWEET!

AS A REWARD YOU CAN HAVE **ANYTHING** YOU LIKE FROM MY PLACE!

WOW!

PETE'S CAFE

So...

STRANGEST ORDER I'VE EVER SEEN, BUT I SUPPOSE THEY'RE HAPPY!

CHOMP!

SLURP!

CHOMP!

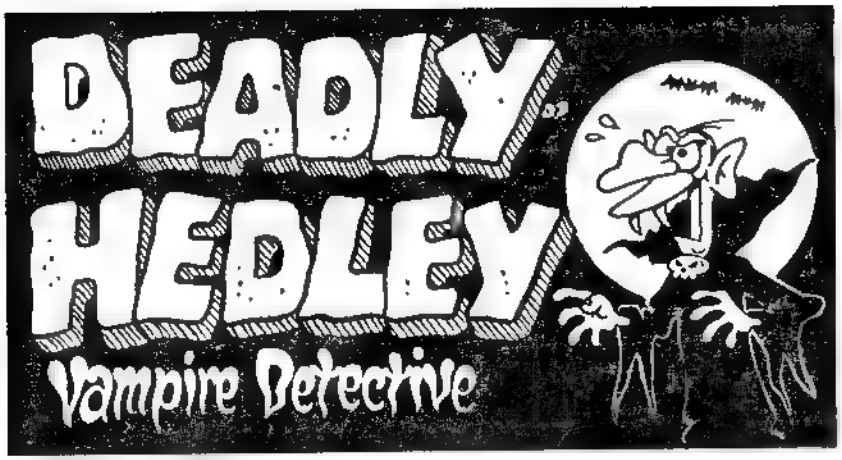
SLURP!

STARTER
TOMATO SOUP WITH PORK PIE ON IT

MAIN COURSE
PORK PIE AND TOMATO SAUCE

PUDDING
PORK PIE AND CUSTARD

COFFEE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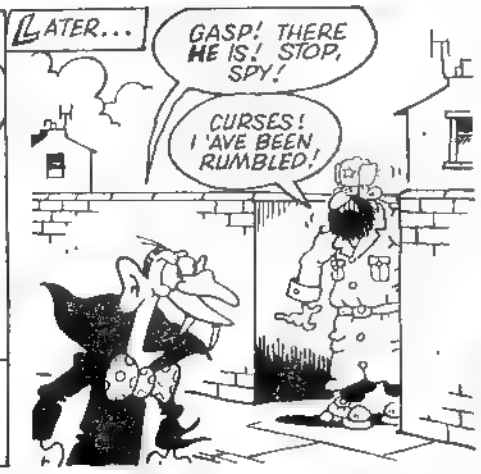
Vampire Detective

BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR BORIS BADLOT, THE LATVERIAN SPY!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
BORIS BADLOT

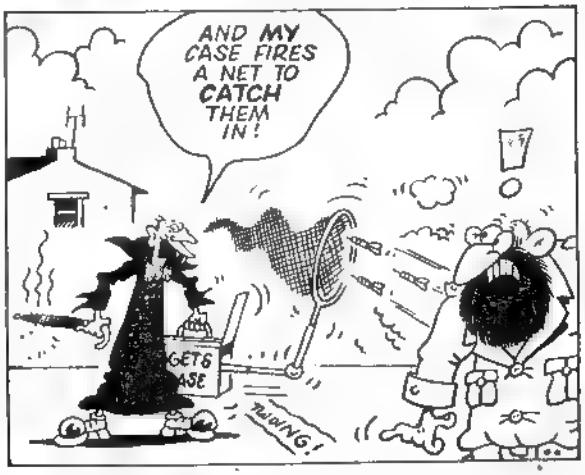
HE'S DANGEROUS, SO USE THOSE NEW GADGETS TO CAPTURE HIM!
PHEW! THIS LOT IS HEAVY!
GADGETS CASE

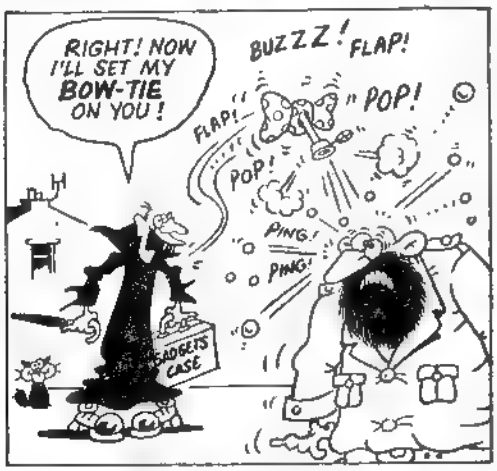

LATER...
GASP! THERE HE IS! STOP, SPY!
CURSES! I 'AVE BEEN RUMBLED!

BUT MY EXPLODING HAT WILL STOP HIM!
FIZZZ!

TOUGH LUCK! MY BROLLY TURNS INTO A BOMB-PROOF SHIELD!
BOOM!
GADGETS CASE

ZIS IS WHERE MY POISON DART LAUNCHER, DISGUISED AS ZE VIOLIN CASE WILL COME IN HANDY!
BLAM! BLAM!
CLICK!


AND MY CASE FIRES A NET TO CATCH THEM IN!
TWANG!


RIGHT! NOW I'LL SET MY BOW-TIE ON YOU!
BUZZZ! FLAP!
FLAP!
POP!
POP!
PING!
PING!
GADGETS CASE

BUT...
BAH! YOU WILL NEVER MATCH MY ARSENAL OF SECRET WEAPONS!
SWAT!
EEK! I'VE GOT NO COUNTER-GADGETS LEFT!
CLICK!
SCARED STIFF!

WHEN HEDLEY IS NERVOUS, HE TURNS INTO A BAT...
AAIEEE!
POP!

GAH! NONE OF MY T-TRICKS CAN MATCH YOUR BAT TRICK! I GIVE UP!
PHEW! HE HAD ME IN A RIGHT FLAP FOR A MOMENT!
QUAKE!
TREMBLE!
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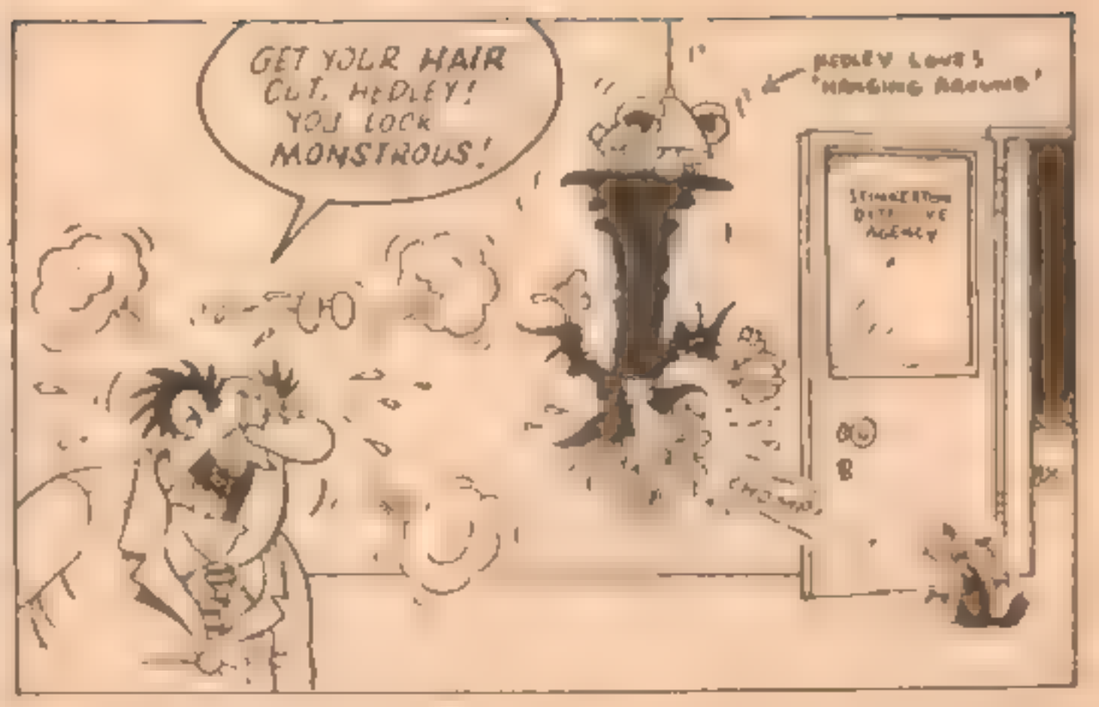

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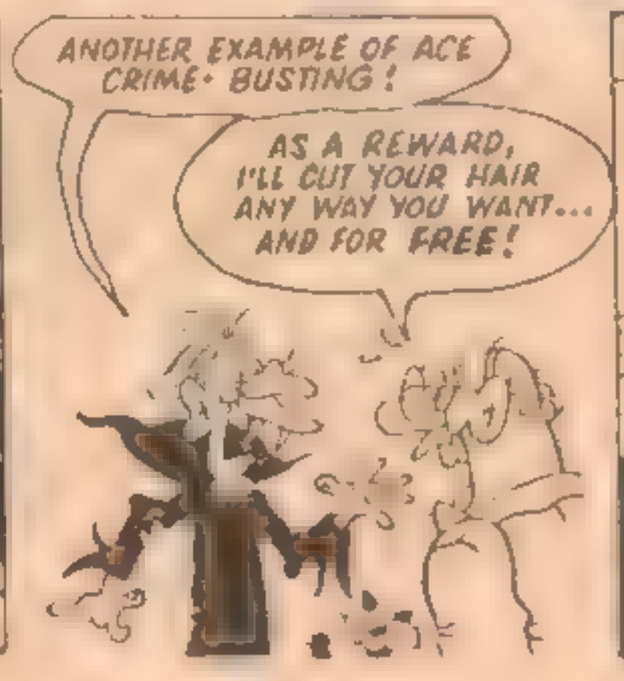

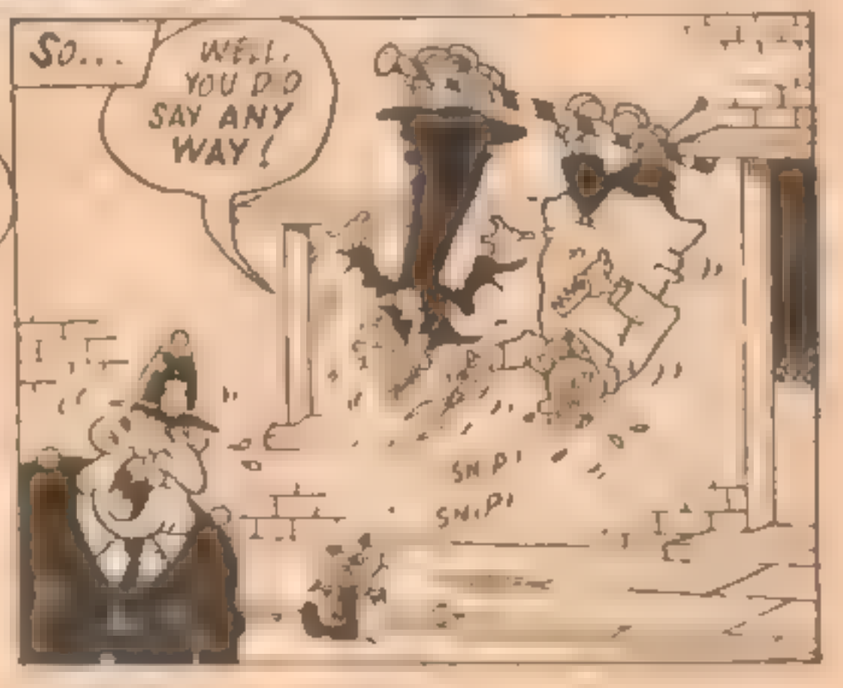

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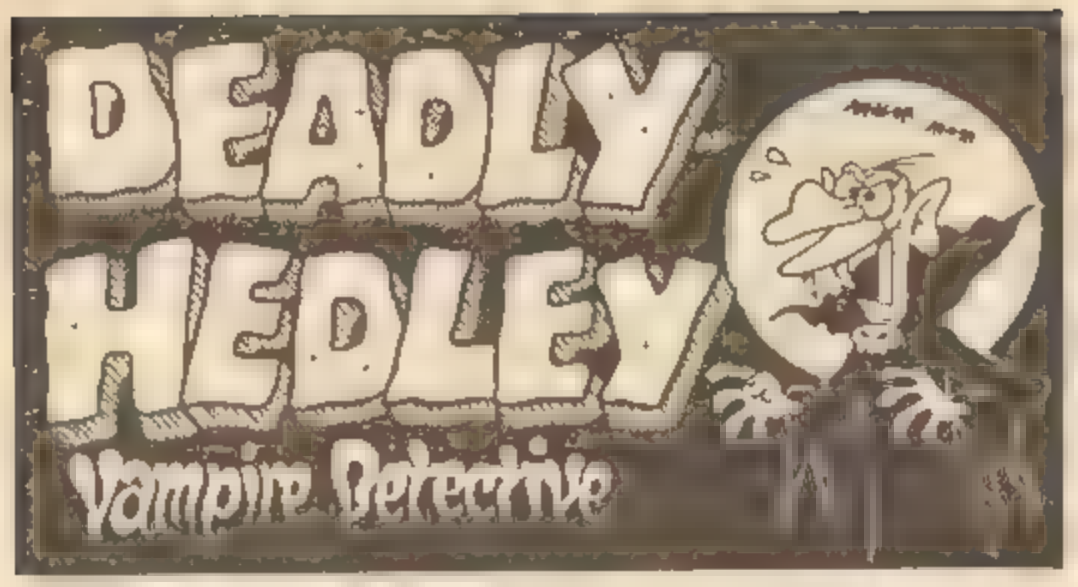

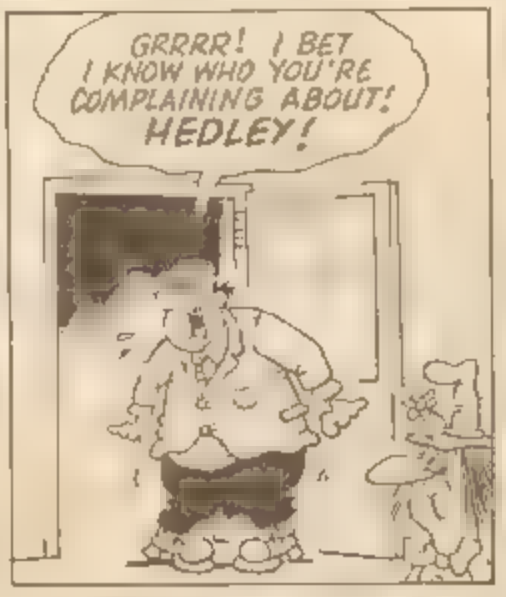

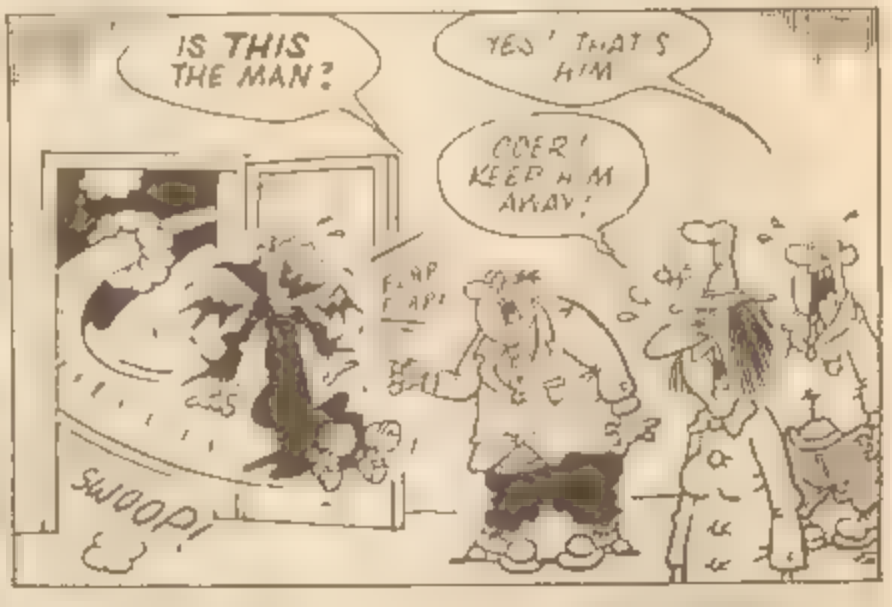

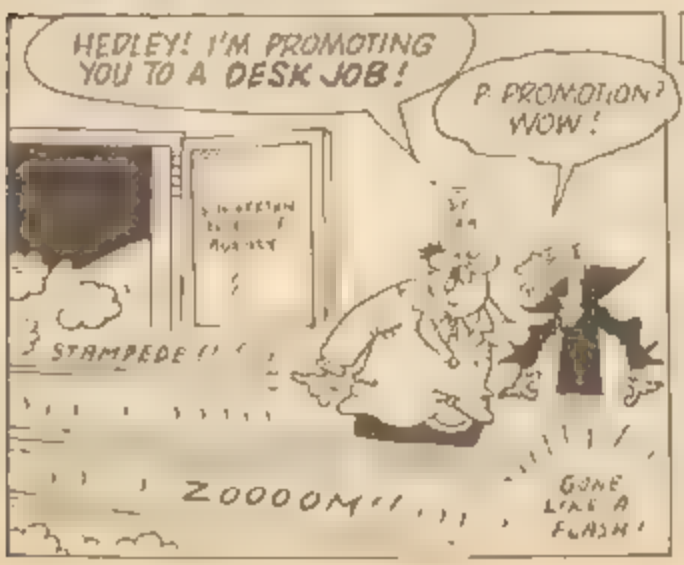

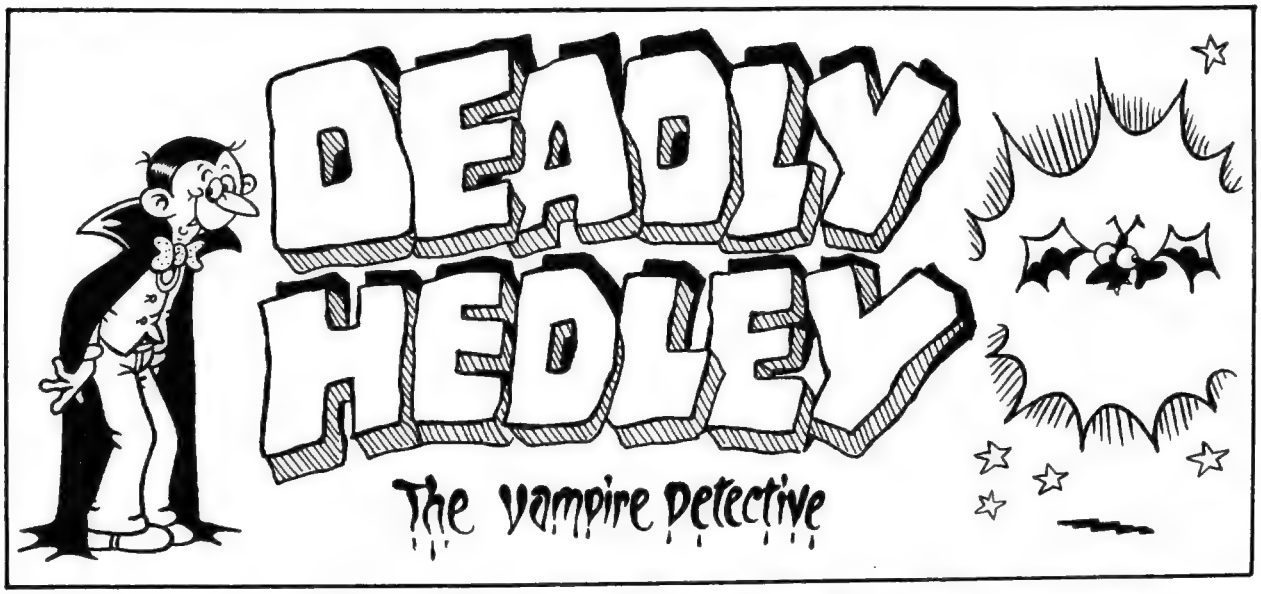
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The Vampire Detective

IT SAYS HERE, AUNTY, THAT THE RECENT MONSTER ROBBERIES ARE STILL GOING ON!
WHO'D WANT TO STEAL A MONSTER, DEAR?
DAILY BLAH

NO, NO! IT'S NOT SOMEONE STEALING MONSTERS! IT'S A MONSTER WHO'S STEALING MONEY!
DAILY BLAH

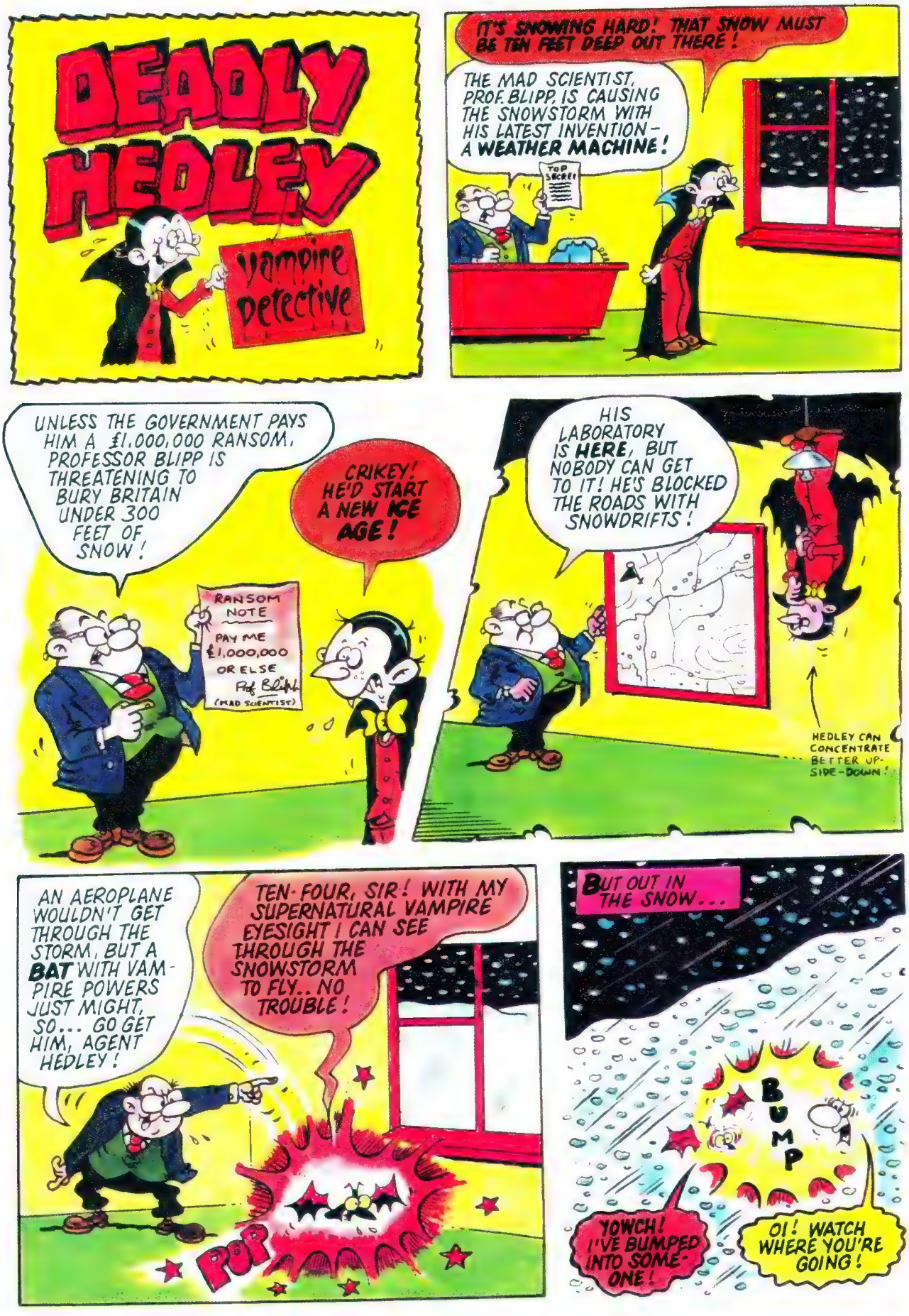
HE'S TALL AND EVIL-LOOKING, IN A LONG BLACK CLOAK...
REALLY, DEAR? SOUNDS LIKE YOUR UNCLE PERCY!
HEDLEY DOING HIS SCAREY ACT
AUNTY HARRIET TRYING NOT TO LAUGH AT HEDLEY'S SCAREY ACT

OF COURSE IT'S NOT UNCLE PERCY! BUT I'D BE FAMOUS IF I COULD CATCH THE CULPRIT!

THE ONLY BANK THAT HASN'T BEEN ROBBED IS BARCLLOYDS IN THE HIGH STREET! I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT TONIGHT! I'LL TURN INTO A BAT AND FLAP OVER THERE!
POP
AND AT THE BANK...
AHA! THERE'S SOMEONE COMING OUT OF THE BANK WITH A SACK!
DEATHO, THE MASTER CRIMINAL, STRIKES AGAIN!
I AM DEADLY HEDLEY, FAMOUS VAMPIRE DETECTIVE, AND I ARREST YOU!
POP
OUT OF MY WAY, WORM!
YOU MAY BE BIGGER THAN ME, BUT A SPOT OF KARATE WILL SORT YOU OUT!
YOU THINK YOU CAN ARREST THE GREAT DEATHO?
BONK BONK
PHEW! PUFF! HE'S RIGHT! EVEN MY KARATE DOESN'T AFFECT HIM...
THUD
MAYBE AN OLD-FASHIONED BONK ON THE BONCE WILL DO THE TRICK!

LITTLE PEST! I'LL FIX YOU!
OR, THEN AGAIN, MAYBE I'LL LET MYSELF BE TAKEN PRISONER WHILE I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DEATHO ... AHEM!
AND AT DEATHO'S HIDE-OUT...
NOW I'LL TIE YOU UP AND SHOW YOU HOW DEATHO GETS RID OF INTERFERING PESTS!
GULP!
I KEEP A VAT OF COLD PORRIDGE SPECIALLY FOR DISPOSING OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU!
SPLOCK
BUT UNDER THE PORRIDGE...
LUCKILY, WE VAMPIRES DON'T NEED TO BREATHE, SO I WON'T DROWN!
GLOILP
BLOOP
NOW TO CHANGE INTO A BAT AND GET OUT OF THESE ROPES!
POP

YEUCH! I'M COVERED IN COLD PORRIDGE-- BUT AT LEAST I'M FREE!
DRIP
POP
NOW TO TURN BACK TO NORMAL AND DROP IN ON DEATHO!
UH! RATS! HE HAS ESCAPED!
SPLAT
HELLO, POLICE? YOU CAN COME AND COLLECT THE MASTER CRIMINAL WHO'S BEEN ROBBING THE BANKS...
BLITHER!
DAZED
NOW TO TIE YOU UP UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE!
SQUELCH SQUELCH
UH-OH! THIS PORRIDGE IS SETTING HARD LIKE CONCRETE!
SET SOLID
GAAGH! HE'S GOT CLEAN AWAY!
TAT-TA, MISTER DEFECTIVE DETECTIVE!
ROOTED TO THE SPOT
ZOOM
M. Baxendale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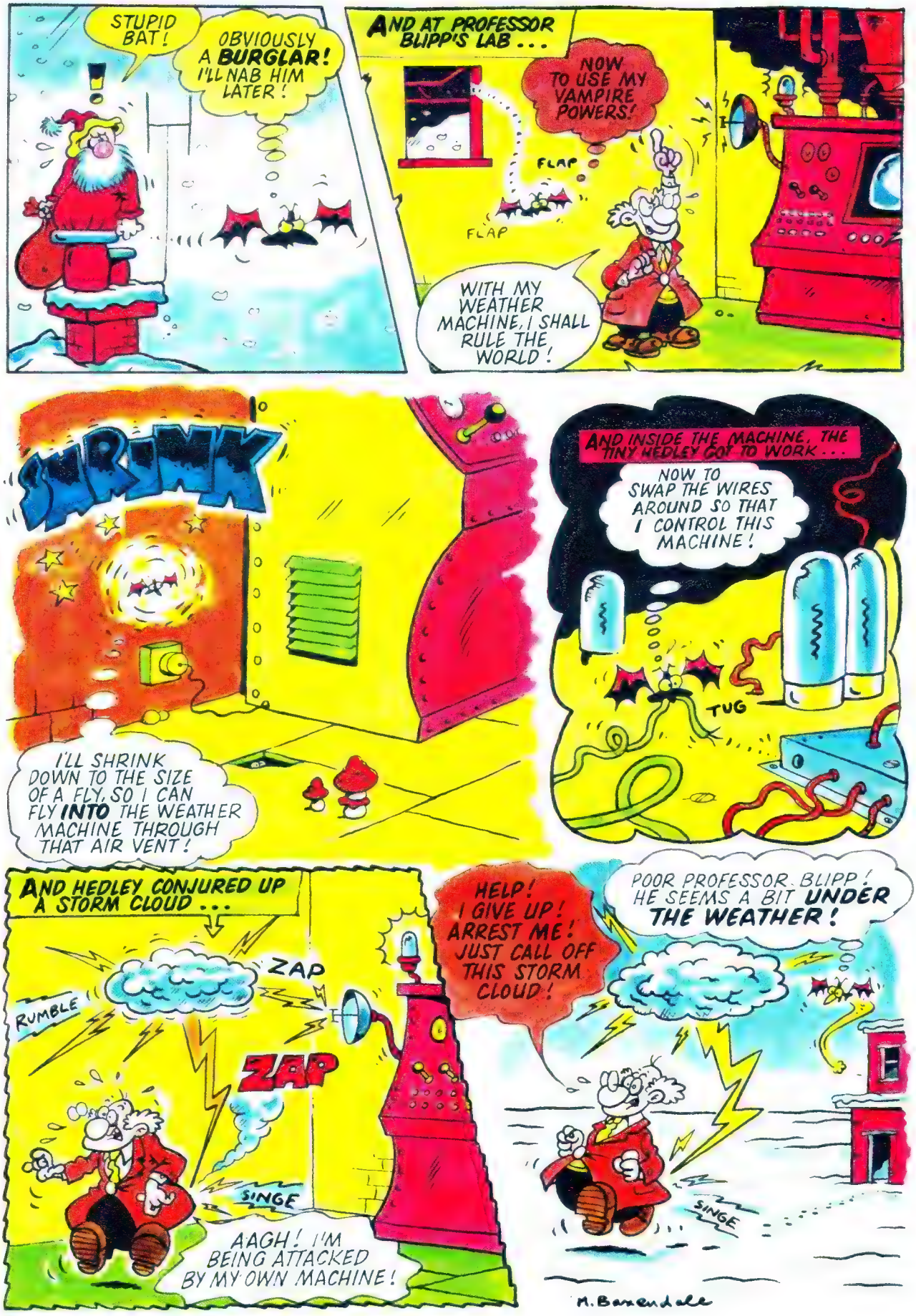
IT'S SNOWING HARD! THAT SNOW MUST BE TEN FEET DEEP OUT THERE!
THE MAD SCIENTIST, PROF. BLIPP, IS CAUSING THE SNOWSTORM WITH HIS LATEST INVENTION – A WEATHER MACHINE!
TOP SECRET
UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT PAYS HIM A £1,000,000 RANSOM, PROFESSOR BLIPP IS THREATENING TO BURY BRITAIN UNDER 300 FEET OF SNOW!
CRIKEY! HE'D START A NEW ICE AGE!
RANSOM NOTE
PAY ME £1,000,000 OR ELSE
Prof. Blipp
(MAD SCIENTIST)
HIS LABORATORY IS HERE, BUT NOBODY CAN GET TO IT! HE'S BLOCKED THE ROADS WITH SNOWDRIFTS!
HEDLEY CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER UP-SIDE-DOWN!
AN AEROPLANE WOULDN'T GET THROUGH THE STORM, BUT A BAT WITH VAMPIRE POWERS JUST MIGHT, SO... GO GET HIM, AGENT HEDLEY!
TEN-FOUR, SIR! WITH MY SUPERNATURAL VAMPIRE EYESIGHT I CAN SEE THROUGH THE SNOWSTORM TO FLY.. NO TROUBLE!
POP
BUT OUT IN THE SNOW...
BUMP
YOWCH! I'VE BUMPED INTO SOMEONE!
OI! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!


STUPID BAT!
OBVIOUSLY A BURGLAR! I'LL NAB HIM LATER!
AND AT PROFESSOR BLIPP'S LAB...
NOW TO USE MY VAMPIRE POWERS!
FLAP
FLAP
WITH MY WEATHER MACHINE, I SHALL RULE THE WORLD!
SHRINK
I'LL SHRINK DOWN TO THE SIZE OF A FLY, SO I CAN FLY INTO THE WEATHER MACHINE THROUGH THAT AIR VENT!
AND INSIDE THE MACHINE, THE TINY HEDLEY GOT TO WORK...
NOW TO SWAP THE WIRES AROUND SO THAT I CONTROL THIS MACHINE!
TUG
AND HEDLEY CONJURED UP A STORM CLOUD...
RUMBLE
ZAP
ZAP
SINGE
AAGH! I'M BEING ATTACKED BY MY OWN MACHINE!
HELP! I GIVE UP! ARREST ME! JUST CALL OFF THIS STORM CLOUD!
POOR PROFESSOR BLIPP! HE SEEMS A BIT UNDER THE WEATHER!
SINGE
M. Barendale

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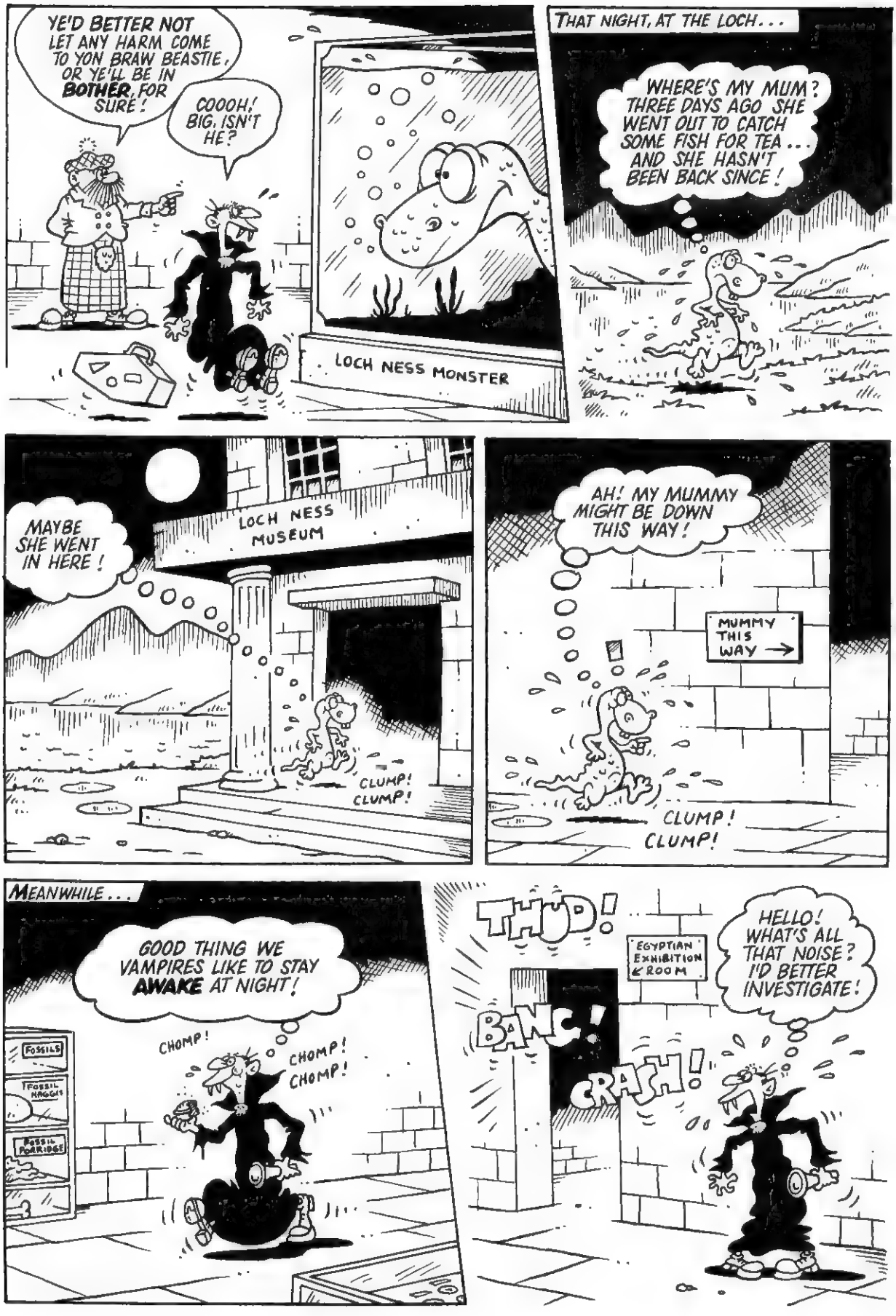
Vampire Detective
AND THE CASE OF THE LOCH NESS MONSTER
THE LOCH NESS MONSTER IS BEING HELD IN A SCOTTISH MUSEUM, AND A DETECTIVE IS NEEDED TO GUARD IT!
ULP!
LOCH NESS MONSTER CAUGHT!
DETECTIVE HEDLEY
VAMPIRES RULE O.K.!
PLEASE DON'T SEND ME, MR STINKERTON! I'M TERRIFIED OF SCARY THINGS—ESPECIALLY MONSTERS!
GROVEL!
PANIC!
CRAWL!
STOP WHINING—YOU'RE GOING!
GROAN!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
BOOT!
NEXT DAY...
AH! THIS IS THE PLACE! LOOKS PRETTY GLOOMY!
LOCH NESS MUSEUM
YOU MUST BE MR MCTHOMPSON, THE MUSEUM OWNER!
AYE, LADDIE! FOLLOW ME!
HEDLEY'S SUITCASE


YE'D BETTER NOT LET ANY HARM COME TO YON BRAW BEASTIE, OR YE'LL BE IN BOTHER, FOR SURE!
COOOH! BIG, ISN'T HE?
LOCH NESS MONSTER
THAT NIGHT, AT THE LOCH...
WHERE'S MY MUM? THREE DAYS AGO SHE WENT OUT TO CATCH SOME FISH FOR TEA... AND SHE HASN'T BEEN BACK SINCE!
MAYBE SHE WENT IN HERE!
LOCH NESS MUSEUM
CLUMP! CLUMP!
AH! MY MUMMY MIGHT BE DOWN THIS WAY!
MUMMY THIS WAY →
CLUMP! CLUMP!
MEANWHILE...
GOOD THING WE VAMPIRES LIKE TO STAY AWAKE AT NIGHT!
CHOMP!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
FOSSILS
FOSSIL NUGGETS
FOSSIL PORRIDGE
THUD!
EGYPTIAN EXHIBITION ROOM
HELLO! WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE? I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!
BANG!
CRASH!

GASP! ANOTHER LOCH NESS MONSTER! AND IT SEEMS TO BE ANGRY!
EGYPTIAN MUMMY
GRRR! THIS ISN'T MY MUMMY!
300 BC
BOOT!
HMMM... A MONSTER WHO LIVES UNDERWATER MUST LIKE BEING COLD AND WET, SO IF I TURN ON SOME HEAT...
HEATING CONTROL
HOT COLD
TWIDDLE!
...HE SHOULD DRY UP AND PASS OUT!
PHEW! I FEEL DIZZY!
SHELTER!
HEATER
STAGGER!
STAGGER!
THIS MUST BE THE MONSTER'S BABY! I'LL PUT HIM IN THE TANK!
BUMP!
BUT IF THESE ARE THE MUMMY MONSTER, AND THE BABY, I WONDER WHERE THE DADDY IS!
LOCH NESS MONSTER
CRUNCH!
I'VE COME FOR MY BOY!
HUBBY!
HELP! HERE HE IS!
DADDY!

LET'S GO HOME FOR TEA, FOLKS!
STOP! I'LL GET INTO TROUBLE FOR LETTING YOU ESCAPE!
CLUMP!
CLUMP!
GROAN! NOW I'M FOR IT!
GLUG! BLOILP!
NEXT MORNING...
THE FAMILY OF BEASTIES FLATTENED MA BONNIE WEE MUSEUM! AND YE LET 'EM GET AWAY!
ULP! SORRY!
IT'S NAE GUID BEING SORRY! YE'LL HAVE TAE HELP ME RAISE THE MONEY TAE REBUILD THE MUSEUM!
EEK! WHAT'S HE GOT IN MIND?
PROD!
NEXT DAY...
THAT LOOKS INTERESTING, McTAVISH!
COME AND SEE "WEE HEDLEY"! Genuine Scottish MONSTER! ONLY 5P.
AYE! BUT A MITE PRICEY, HAMISH! CAN WE AFFORD IT?
AND...
GO ON... SHOW 'EM YOUR FANGS, MON! YON FOLKS HAVE PAID A LOT OF MONEY TO SEE A REAL MONSTER!
GROAN! THIS IS WORSE THAN WORKING FOR OLD STINKERTON!
PROD!
PET MICE
"WEE HEDLEY"
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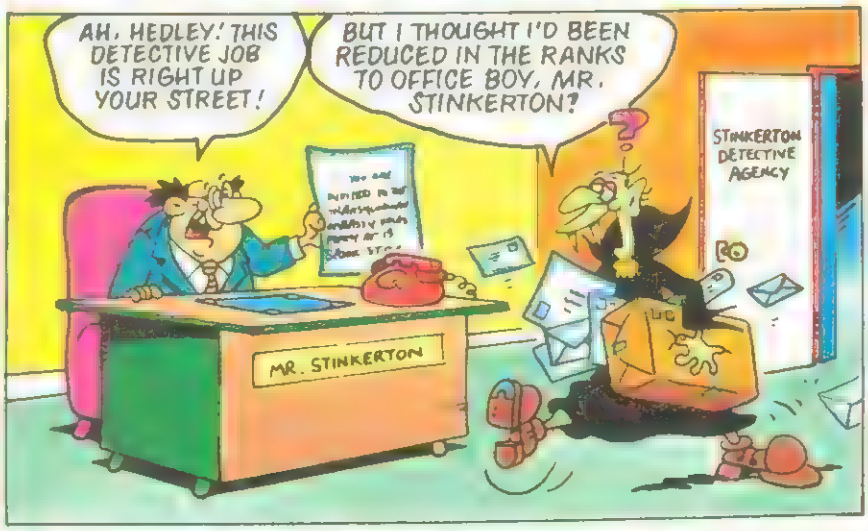
AH, HEDLEY! THIS DETECTIVE JOB IS RIGHT UP YOUR STREET!
BUT I THOUGHT I'D BEEN REDUCED IN THE RANKS TO OFFICE BOY, MR. STINKERTON?
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
MR. STINKERTON

WELL, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! GET ALONG TO THIS ADDRESS!
COO! A PARTY! I'LL TAKE AUNTIE!
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE TRANSYLVANIAN EMBASSY XMAS PARTY AT 13 SPOOK STREET.

IT'S THE CHRISTMAS REUNION OF THE T.U.C.*... BUT SOMEBODY'S THREATENED TO STEAL ALL THE SILVER!
I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN!
BUTLER
* T.U.C. – TRANSYLVANIAN UNION OF CREATURES

THEY'RE BACK ON AGAIN!
WAKE UP! SOME OF THE SILVER HAS GONE!
UUHH? WHAT?
BONK!
THE CROOK HASN'T HAD TIME TO GET AWAY. SO HE MUST STILL BE AROUND!
ALL GONE!
I THOUGHT SO! THE SNOWMAN IS THE CRIMINAL!
SWOOP!
SNATCH!
CURSES! HOW DID YOU SPOT ME?
EASY! YOU MUST HAVE LEANED IN THE WINDOW TO SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT!
BUT YOU HAD TO GO NEAR THE FIRE TO GET THE SILVER... SO YOU LEFT A TRAIL OF WATER TO THE WINDOW!
BAH! I ONLY DID IT BECAUSE I WAS THE ONLY MONSTER NOT INVITED TO THE PARTY!
I EXPECT HE'LL GET ABOUT TEN YEARS IN THE COOLER!
AT LEAST HE WON'T MELT IN THERE, DEAR! CHUCKLE!
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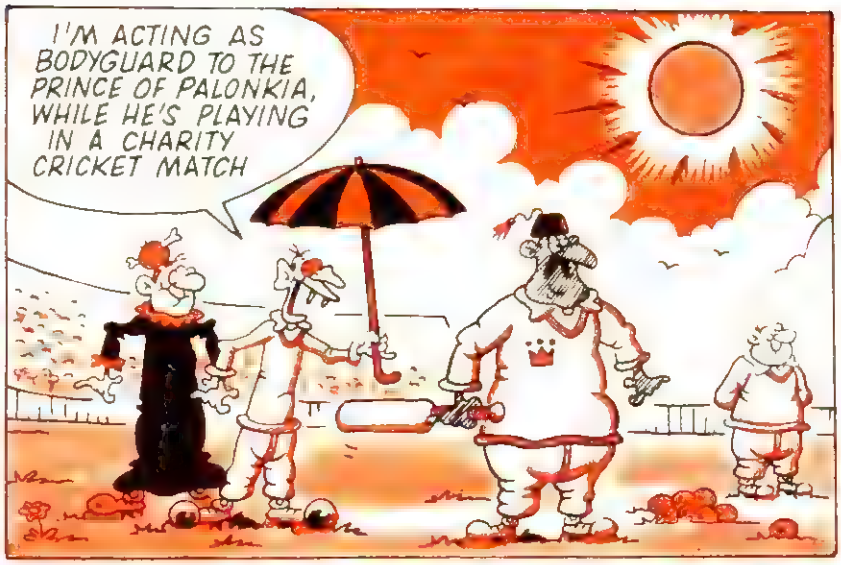

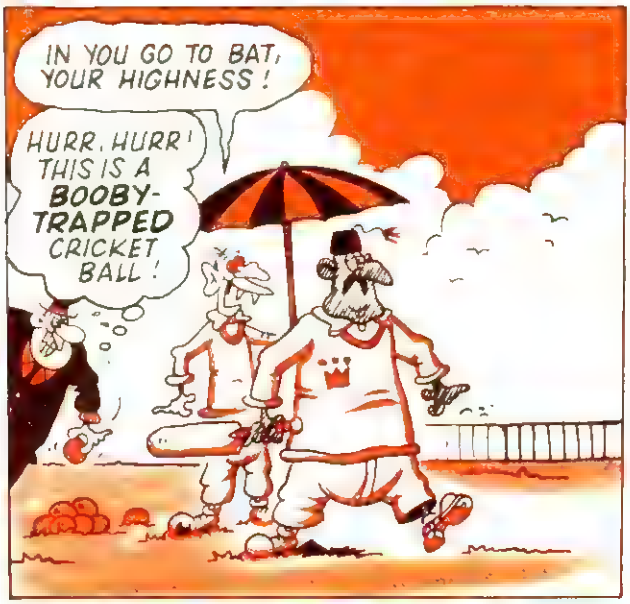

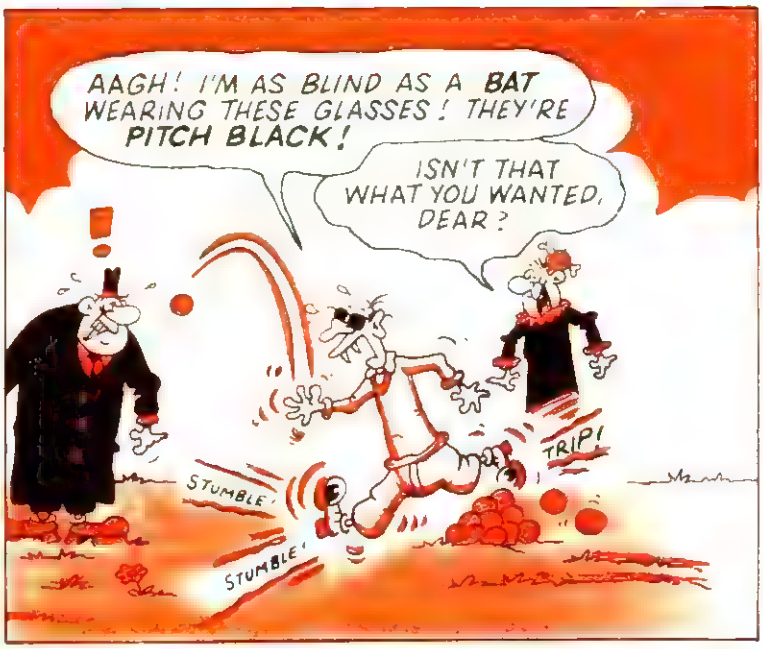

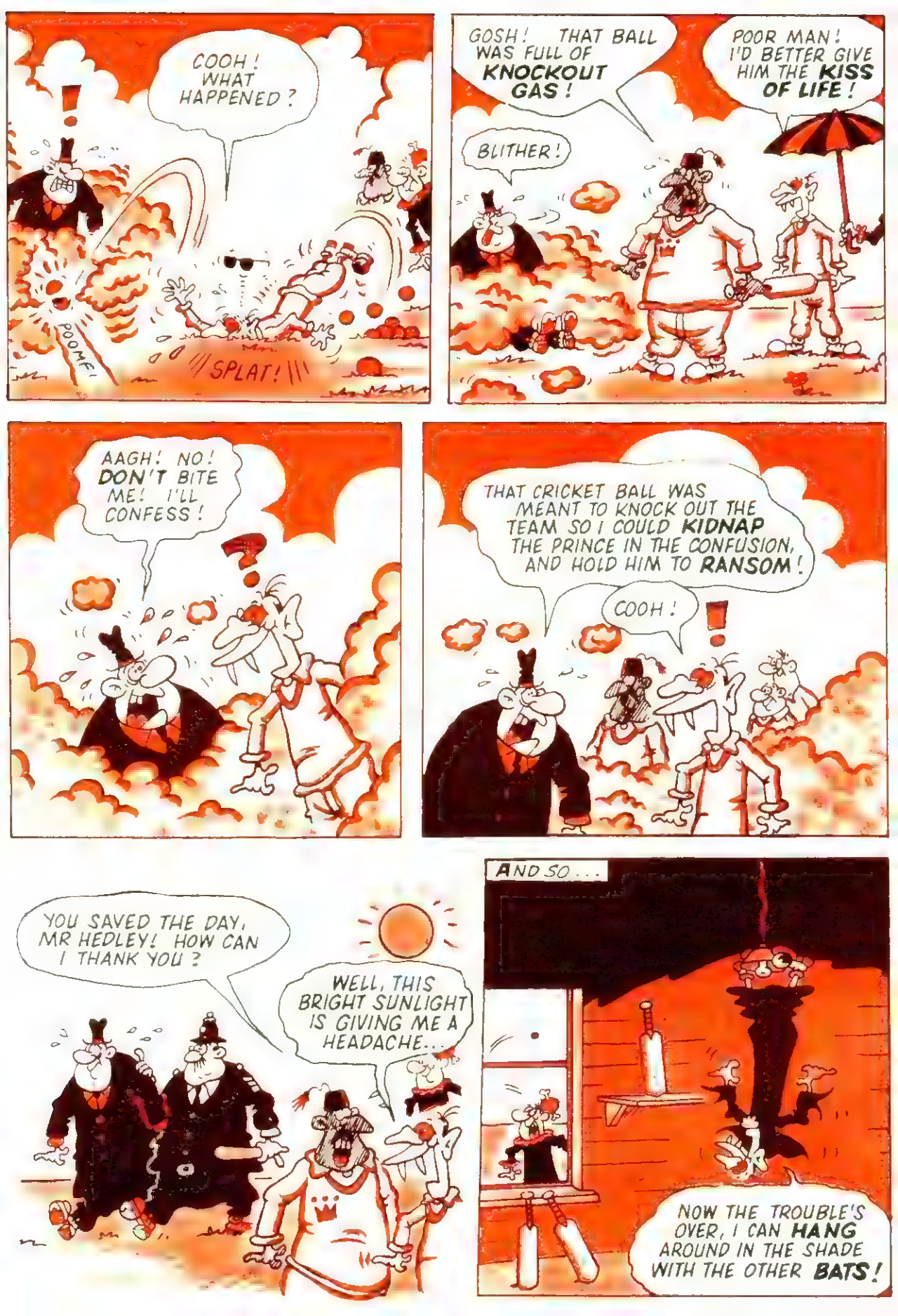
COOH! WHAT HAPPENED?
POOMF!
SPLAT!
GOSH! THAT BALL WAS FULL OF KNOCKOUT GAS!
BLITHER!
POOR MAN! I'D BETTER GIVE HIM THE KISS OF LIFE!
AAGH! NO! DON'T BITE ME! I'LL CONFESS!
THAT CRICKET BALL WAS MEANT TO KNOCK OUT THE TEAM SO I COULD KIDNAP THE PRINCE IN THE CONFUSION, AND HOLD HIM TO RANSOM!
COOH!
YOU SAVED THE DAY, MR HEDLEY! HOW CAN I THANK YOU?
WELL, THIS BRIGHT SUNLIGHT IS GIVING ME A HEADACHE...
AND SO...
NOW THE TROUBLE'S OVER, I CAN HANG AROUND IN THE SHADE WITH THE OTHER BATS!

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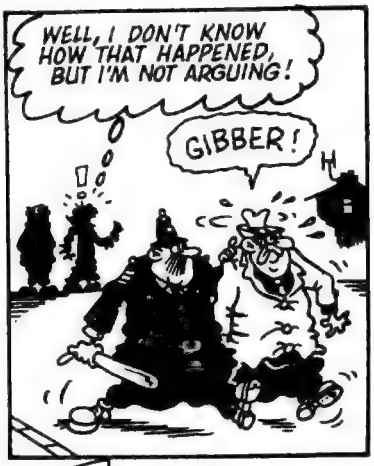
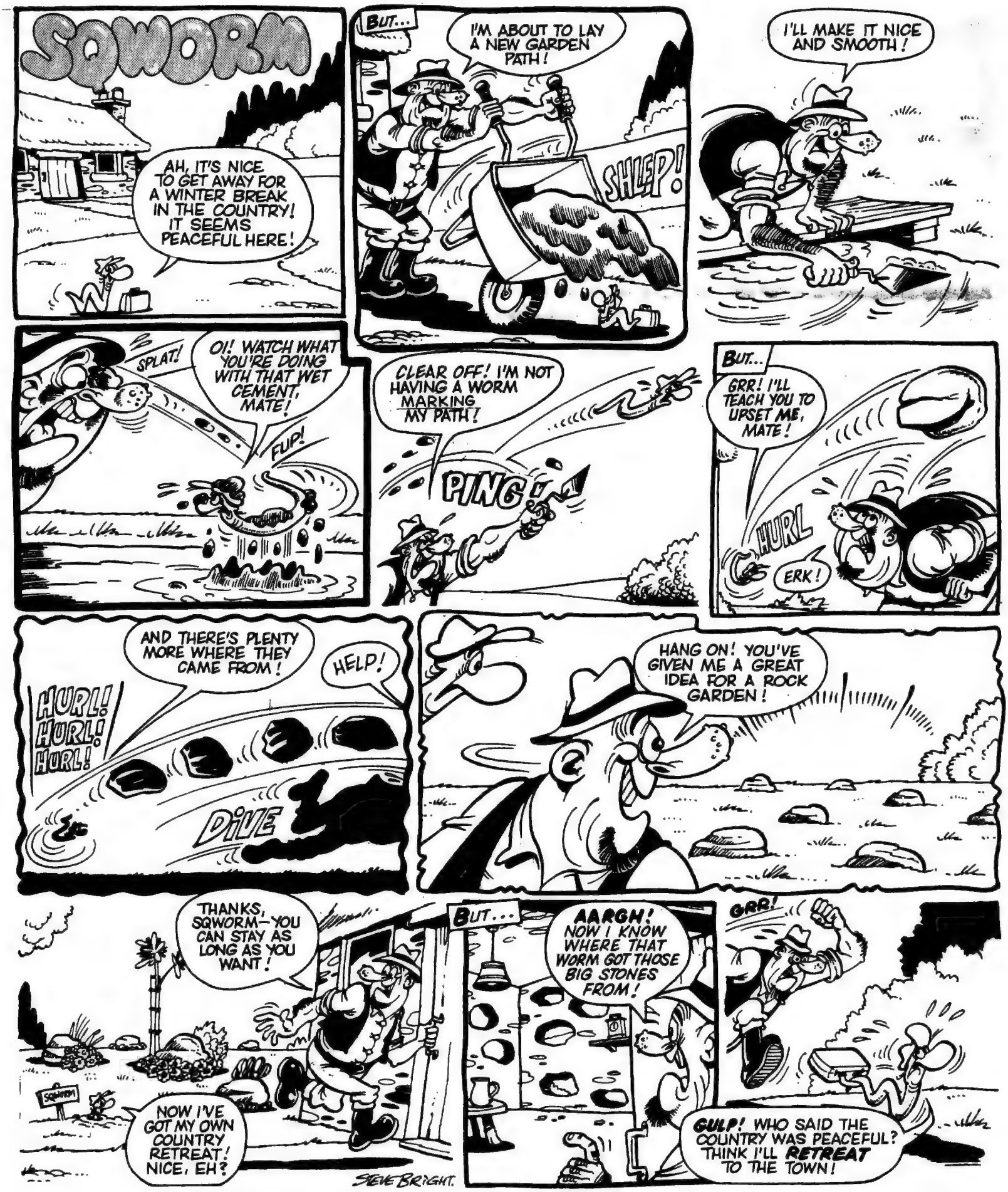
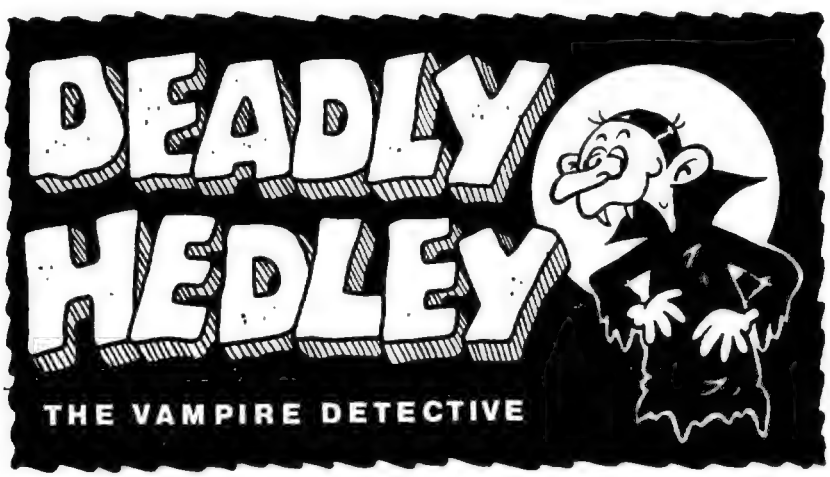
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE




SQWORM
AH, IT'S NICE TO GET AWAY FOR A WINTER BREAK IN THE COUNTRY! IT SEEMS PEACEFUL HERE!
BUT...
I'M ABOUT TO LAY A NEW GARDEN PATH!
SHLEP!
I'LL MAKE IT NICE AND SMOOTH!
SPLAT!
OI! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THAT WET CEMENT, MATE!
FLIP!
CLEAR OFF! I'M NOT HAVING A WORM MARKING MY PATH!
PING!
BUT...
GRR! I'LL TEACH YOU TO UPSET ME, MATE!
HURL
ERK!
AND THERE'S PLENTY MORE WHERE THEY CAME FROM!
HELP!
HURL! HURL! HURL!
DIVE
HANG ON! YOU'VE GIVEN ME A GREAT IDEA FOR A ROCK GARDEN!
THANKS, SQWORM—YOU CAN STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT!
NOW I'VE GOT MY OWN COUNTRY RETREAT! NICE, EH?
STEVE BRIGHT
BUT...
AARGH! NOW I KNOW WHERE THAT WORM GOT THOSE BIG STONES FROM!
GRR!
GULP! WHO SAID THE COUNTRY WAS PEACEFUL? THINK I'LL RETREAT TO THE TOWN!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THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

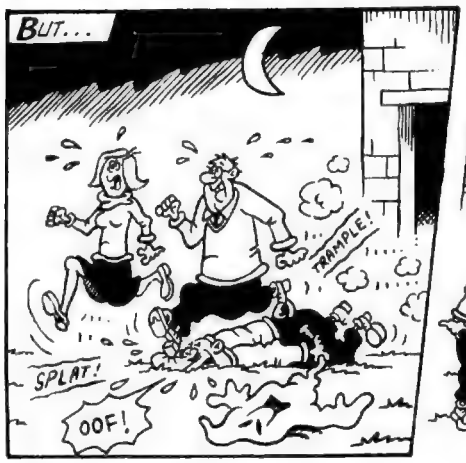
WAIL!
GULP! I W-WISH WE'D N-NEVER MOVED INTO THIS CREEPY MANSION! IT'S H-HAUNTED!
WAIL!
GROAN!
CREAK!

DON'T WORRY, DEAR! I'VE HIRED A DETECTIVE TO SORT THINGS OUT! THAT MUST BE HIM NOW!
KNOCK! KNOCK!

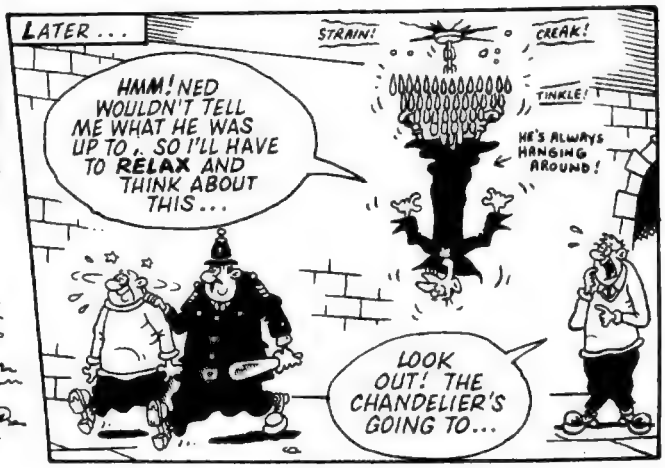
HELLO!
AAAGH! A VAMPIRE!
CREAK!

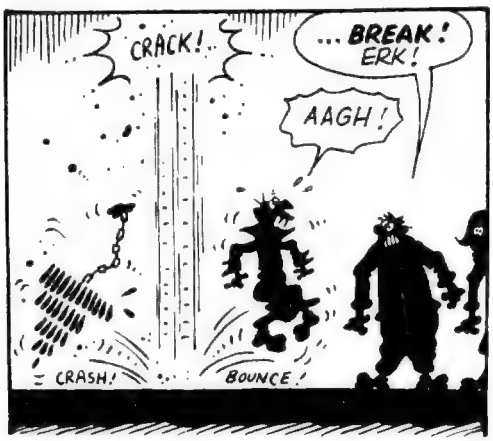
RUN!
B-BUT... I'M THE DETECTIVE THAT YOU SENT FOR!
?

MEANWHILE...
HURR, HURR! I'LL SLIP THIS INFLATABLE GHOST THROUGH THE KEYHOLE... AND GIVE THOSE PEOPLE A FRIGHT!
PUFF!
MURRY MANSION
BACK DOOR


BUT...
TRAMPLE!
SPLAT!
OOF!

GASP! IT'S NAUGHTY NED THE ROBBER!
GOSH! HE MUST HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SCARE US AWAY!
BURBLE!

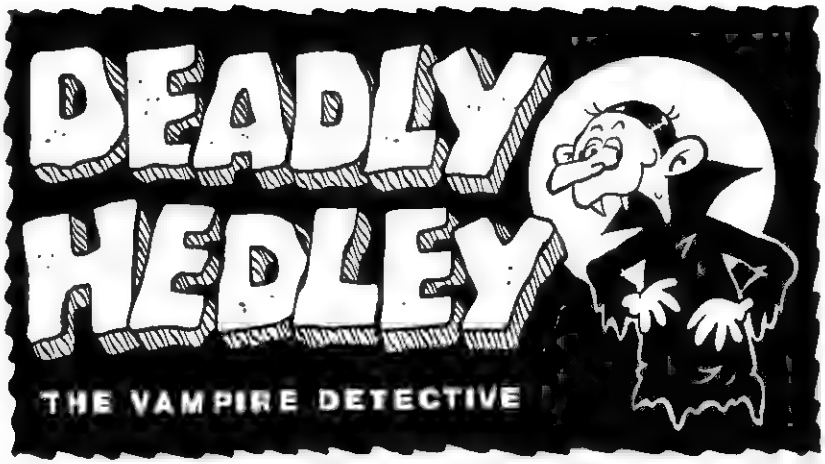

LATER...
STRAIN!
CREAK!
TINKLE!
HMM! NED WOULDN'T TELL ME WHAT HE WAS UP TO. SO I'LL HAVE TO RELAX AND THINK ABOUT THIS...
HE'S ALWAYS HANGING AROUND!
LOOK OUT! THE CHANDELIER'S GOING TO...


CRACK!
...BREAK! ERK!
AAGH!
CRASH!
BOUNCE!

GOSH! THE CHANDELIER IS MADE OF DIAMONDS — AND I BET NED KNEW!
OF COURSE!
GLISTEN!

AND...
COME ON, HEDLEY! HOW DID YOU SOLVE THE CASE?
OH, I JUST HUNG AROUND'TIL EVERYTHING FELL INTO PLACE!
HERO HEDLEY SOLVES MANSION MYSTERY
AGENT HEDLEY
OFFICE CAT

DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE
WHAT'S THIS... HEDLEY DASHING ABOUT ON HIS DAY OFF ?!
PUFF! PANT!
HEDLEY HALL
ZOOM!
CAN HE BE ON A SECRET MISSION ?
ERK! A SNOW-DRIFT!
THUD!
SPUDE!
I'LL HAVE TO USE THESE SKIS THAT UNCLE YETI LEFT BEHIND WHEN HE VISITED US !
MAYBE HE'S AFTER A DANGEROUS MASTER CRIMINAL!
ZOOOM!
PERHAPS THIS IS THE ANSWER...HEDLEY IS DASHING TO PREVENT A ROBBERY!
HELP! STOP, THIEF!
BANK
ZOOM!
GALLOP!
OOF!
AAAGH!
BOOMF!
WONDERFUL! FANTASTIC! WHAT A BRAVE MAN!
RATS! THAT COLLISION HAS BROKEN MY SKIS! NOW I'LL HAVE TO FLY... HOPE I GET THERE IN TIME!
STOP! WON'T YOU ACCEPT THIS REWARD ?
NO TIME FOR THAT!
FLAP!
FLAP!
FLAP!
POP!
NO TIME TO COLLECT A REWARD?! HEDLEY MUST BE ON A REALLY URGENT MISSION!
FLAP!
FLAP!
YOUR USUAL, MR. HEDLEY?
GASP! YES, PLEASE! THANK GOODNESS I GOT HERE BEFORE YOU CLOSED!
POP!
CHOMP!
CHOMP!
SLURP!
SLURP!
CHEW!
50 PORK PIES
...AND ALL BECAUSE THE VAMPIRE LOVES PORK PIES!


DEADLY HEDLEY
THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE

WHAT A WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR! THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE A RUBBISH TIP!
AGENT HEDLEY

ALL THIS RUBBISH IS YOURS, HEDLEY! DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT—AND QUICK!
THUD!

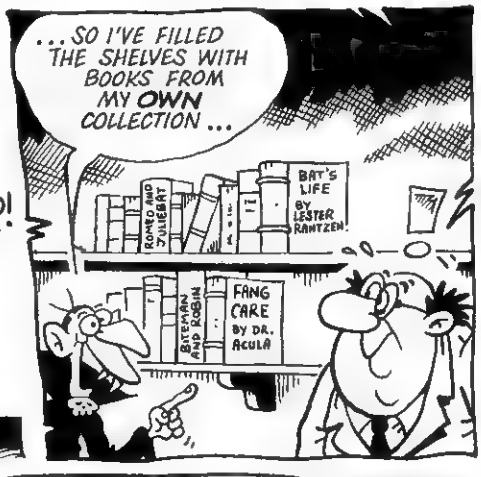
SIGN THIS, AND STICK TO IT— OR ELSE!
GULP!
NEW YEAR RESOLUTION
I RESOLVE TO TREAT THE OFFICE AS IF IT WERE MY HOME.
Hedley

HMM... MR. STINKERTON'S RIGHT! AUNTIE WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TO LIVE LIKE THIS!
FUME!

I'LL REARRANGE THINGS, SO IT LOOKS LIKE HOME!
FILE
FILES

LATER...
EEEK! WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE?
SQUEAK!

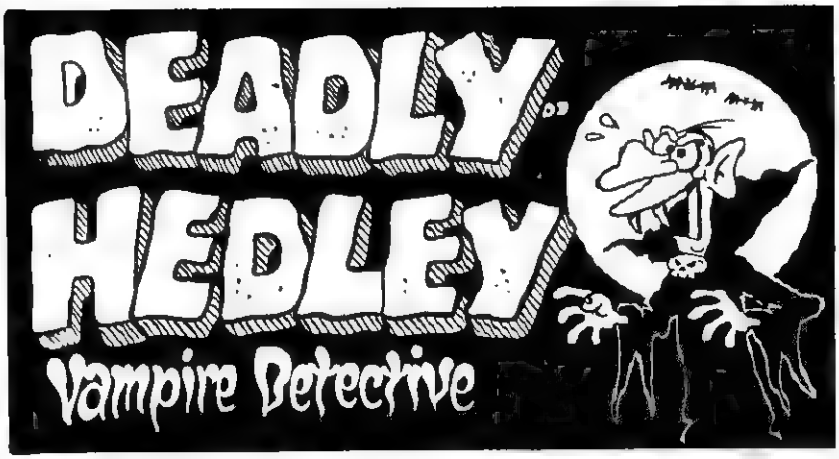
WELL, YOU TOLD ME TO TREAT THE OFFICE LIKE MY HOME...
SWOOP!


...SO I'VE FILLED THE SHELVES WITH BOOKS FROM MY OWN COLLECTION...
ROMEO AND JULIEBAT
BAT'S LIFE BY LESTER RANTZEN
BATEMAN AND ROBIN
FANG CARE BY DR. ACULA

...AND I'VE MOVED IN A FEW OF MY PETS TO MAKE THE PLACE MORE HOMELY!
GLURK!

GRRR! NOW I'M GOING TO TREAT THIS PLACE LIKE MY HOME...
GULP! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...AND I MOSTLY PRACTICE KARATE WHEN I'M THERE!
SWIPE!
WHAT DID I DO WRONG?
M. Baxendale


DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective

THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE TO SEE YOU, BOSS!
SEND THEM IN!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
MR STINKERTON
OFFICE CAT

GRRR! I'VE GOT A COMPLAINT!
SO HAVE I!
ME, TOO!

BLOGG'S SUPERMARKET
I HIRED A DETECTIVE TO SCARE OFF SHOP-LIFTERS...

FRUIT AND VEG.
...BUT HE SCARED OFF MY CUSTOMERS WHEN THEY SAW HIM!

AND I HIRED A DETECTIVE TO FIND MY LOST CAT...

DON'T YOU LIKE THEM?
SHRIEK!
... BUT HE BROUGHT BACK A FLOCK OF LOST BATS INSTEAD!

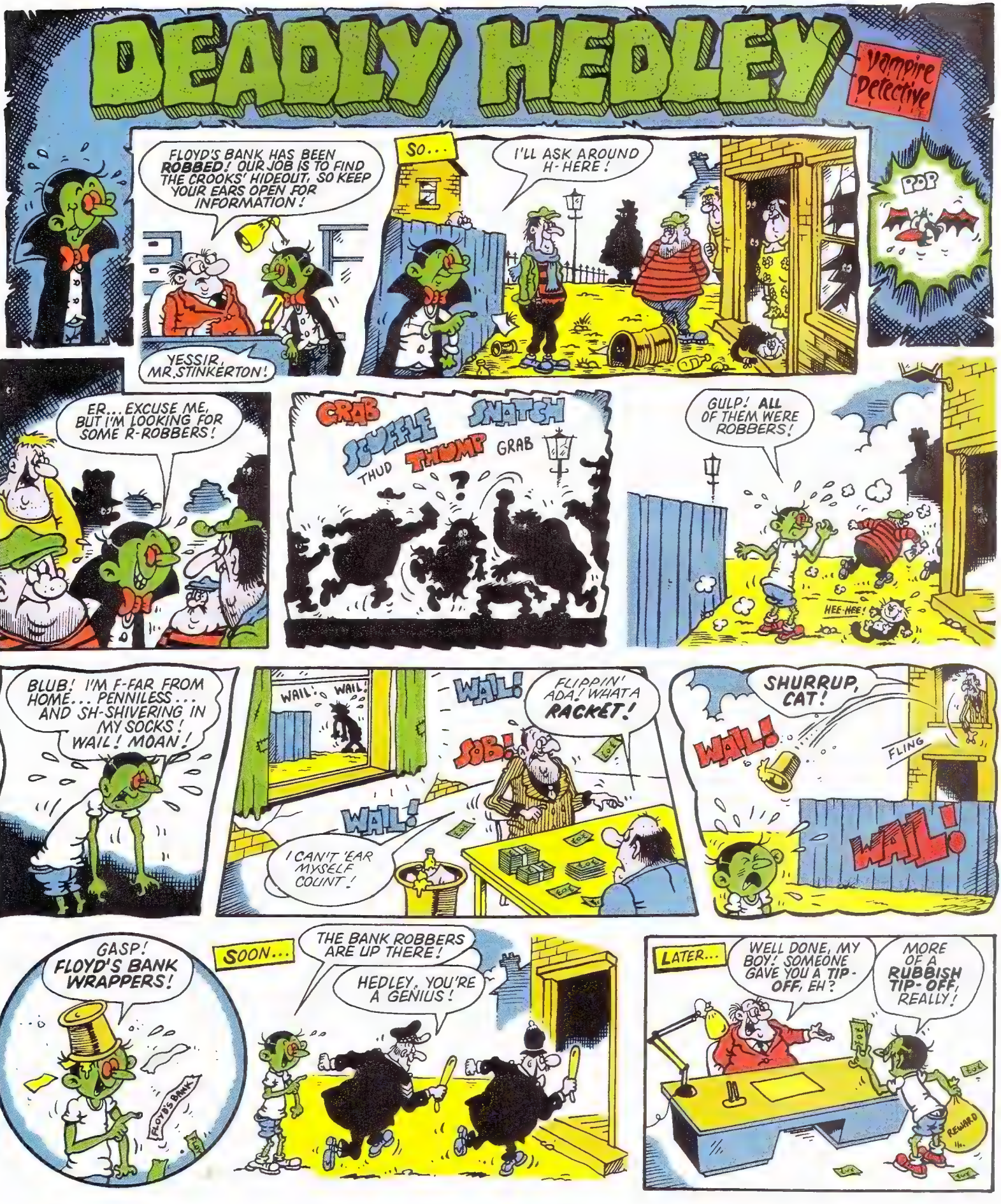
GRRRR! I BET I KNOW WHO YOU'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT! HEDLEY!

IS THIS THE MAN?
YES! THAT'S HIM!
OOER! KEEP HIM AWAY!
FLAP! FLAP!
SWOOP!

HEDLEY! I'M PROMOTING YOU TO A DESK JOB!
P-PROMOTION? WOW!
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY
IDEA
STAMPEDE!!
ZOOOOM!!
GONE LIKE A FLASH!

AND...
WHAT BLISS! HEDLEY'S NEW JOB KEEPS HIM OUT OF MY HAIR...
CHAP

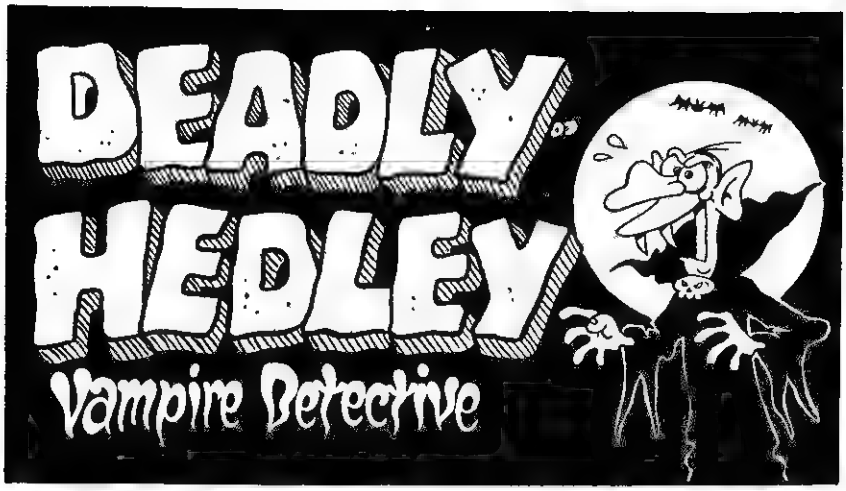
... AND HE SCARES OFF ANY COMPLAINING CLIENTS!
CAN I HELP YOU?
EEK!
FANGY SMILE!
CHAP
COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT
M. Barendale


DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
FLOYD'S BANK HAS BEEN ROBBED! OUR JOB IS TO FIND THE CROOKS' HIDEOUT, SO KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN FOR INFORMATION!
YESSIR, MR. STINKERTON!
SO...
I'LL ASK AROUND H-HERE!
POP
ER... EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR SOME R-ROBBERS!
GRAB
SNATCH
SCUFFLE
THUD
THUMP
GRAB
?
GULP! ALL OF THEM WERE ROBBERS!
HEE-HEE!
BLUB! I'M F-FAR FROM HOME... PENNILESS... AND SH-SHIVERING IN MY SOCKS! WAIL! MOAN!
WAIL!
WAIL!
WAIL!
FLIPPIN' ADA! WHAT A RACKET!
SOB!
WAIL!
I CAN'T 'EAR MYSELF COUNT!
SHURRUP, CAT!
WAIL!
FLING
WAIL!
GASP! FLOYD'S BANK WRAPPERS!
FLOYD'S BANK
SOON...
THE BANK ROBBERS ARE UP THERE!
HEDLEY, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
LATER...
WELL DONE, MY BOY! SOMEONE GAVE YOU A TIP-OFF, EH?
MORE OF A RUBBISH TIP-OFF, REALLY!
REWARD

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective
POP
AT THE STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY...
I'VE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU, HEDLEY! REPORT TO PROF. CLEVER AND DR. GENIUS AT THE INSTITUTE OF BATOLOGY!
MR. STINKERTON'S AN OLD KOJAK FAN!
SUCK SUCK
FLIP
PING
HERE WE ARE! NOW TO FIND THE SCIENTISTS!
RATTLE CLANK
INSTITUTE OF BATOLOGY AND OTHER SECRET-TYPE RESEARCH
(SPIES KEEPOUT!)
RATTLE
SOON...
MI5 WANTS US TO TRAIN BATS TO CARRY MESSAGES, BECAUSE THEY FLY AT NIGHT!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
HELLO! AGENT ZERO-X HERE! IS ANYONE LISTENING?
OUR AGENTS IN ENEMY COUNTRIES CAN'T USE RADIOS...
YES! WE ARE!
GULP!
THEY KEEP GETTING CAUGHT!
FLAP
FLAP
BONK
GLURK!
AND ORDINARY HOMING PIGEONS TEND TO BUMP INTO THINGS IN THE DARK!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
BUT WHEN WE TRY OUT A HOMING BAT, IT JUST FLIES IN CIRCLES! WE WANT YOU TO FIND OUT WHY!
EASY! I'LL JUST ASK THE BATS!
POP

HMM!
SCREE! SCREE! SKREEEEEK!
FLAP
FLAP
POP
THEY SAID THAT SOMETHING KEEPS INTERFERING WITH THEIR BUILT-IN RADAR, AND THEY CAN'T FIND THEIR WAY PROPERLY!
?
THERE MUST BE A SPY AROUND WITH A CLEVER JAMMING DEVICE!
/SUSPICIOUS/
AHUM!
DR. GENIUS! WHY HAS YOUR RADIO GOT TWO AERIALS? IS IT BECAUSE IT'S A DISGUISED RADIO JAMMER?
SNATCH
CURSES!
CONFUSED
BZZZ
BZZZ
DRAT YOU! YOU'VE BLOWN MY COVER!
CONFUSED
SPIN
GRAB
CLICK
DIZZY
BEEP
FWEEET
BZZZZ
I'LL ESCAPE IN THE CONFUSION!
DAZE
DIZZY
BONK
SPIN
GALLOP
HE'S STOLEN MY BIKE! I'LL HAVE TO FLY AFTER HIM!
BEEP
BUZZT
TEE HEE!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
PHEW! I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM LIKE THIS! I CAN FLY FASTER WHEN I'M A BAT!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

POP
HERE WE GO!
OUT OF CONTROL
AAGH! I FORGOT HE'S STILL GOT THE JAMMER TURNED ON! I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING!
SPIN
BZZZP BEEEP
BEEP
ZOOOM
LOW BRIDGE
RATTLE
ZOOM
SPLAT
TEE HEE!
DAZED, HEDLEY TURNED HUMAN AGAIN...
POP
AAAGH!
GRUMP
GRRR! HE'S BROKEN THE JAMMER! BUT I CAN STILL MAKE MY ESCAPE!
DAZE
NO YOU DON'T, MATE! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH CRUELTY TO US BATS!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
ZOOOM
SNATCH
LATER...
WELL DONE, HEDLEY! YOU'VE CAPTURED THE TOP ENEMY AGENT IN THE COUNTRY! TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE...
SUCK
...AND PLEASE TAKE YOUR FRIENDS OUT OF MY OFFICE!
THE BOSSMAN
CHAR

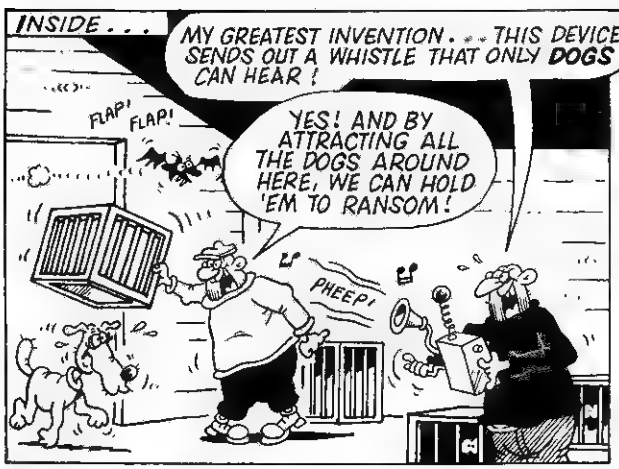

DEADLY HEDLEY
Vampire Detective

COOH! A GANG OF VILLAINS ARE KIDNAPPING DOGS AND HOLDING 'EM TO RANSOM! WONDER IF I COULD COME UP WITH A PLAN TO CATCH 'EM?
DAILY NEWS
DOG NAPPERS STRIKE AGAIN!

SO...
I'LL CHANGE INTO A BAT! THAT ALWAYS HELPS ME TO THINK!
POP!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE? STRANGE... I FEEL AS IF I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW IT!
PHEEEEP!
FLAP!
FLAP!
FLAP!
BOING!

PHEEP!
PHEEP!
PHEEP!
IT'S LEADING ME... AND A LOAD OF DOGS... TOWARDS THAT HUT!
FLAP!
FLAP!


INSIDE...
MY GREATEST INVENTION... THIS DEVICE SENDS OUT A WHISTLE THAT ONLY DOGS CAN HEAR!
YES! AND BY ATTRACTING ALL THE DOGS AROUND HERE, WE CAN HOLD 'EM TO RANSOM!
FLAP!
FLAP!
PHEEP!

IT'S ATTRACTED THIS STUPID BAT AS WELL!
PAH! NOBODY WILL PAY A RANSOM FOR THAT!
FLAP!
FLAP!

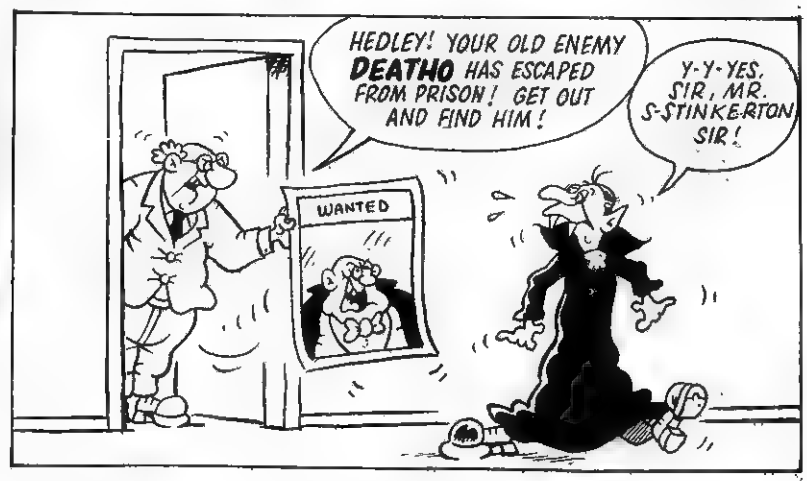
GRR! I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'M A VERY RARE AND VALUABLE SPECIES!
AAGH! A VAMPIRE!
POP!
CRASH!

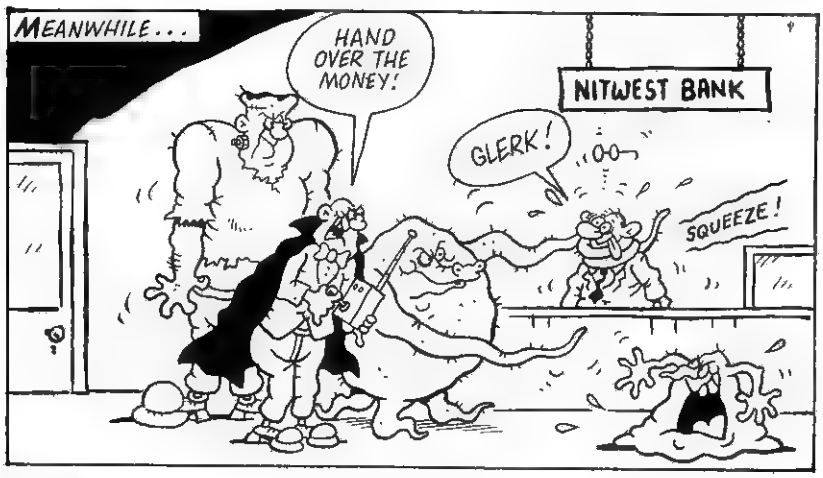
YOU'VE BROKEN THE CONTROL DEVICE! THE DOGS ARE TURNING NASTY!
GRRRRR!
SNARL!
YIKES! RUN!

NOW TO FETCH THE POLICE! LOOKS LIKE THEIR CRIMINAL SCHEME WAS DOGGED BY BAD LUCK!
GRRR!
M. Barendale

DEADLY HEDLEY

THE VAMPIRE DETECTIVE



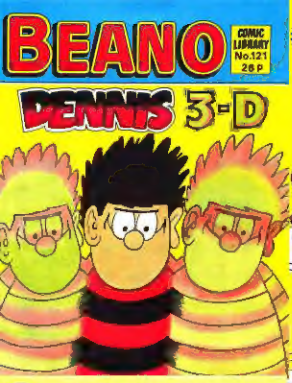


THIS IS A GREAT SCHEME! PEOPLE ARE SO SCARED OF MY MONSTERS THAT THEY HAND OVER THEIR CASH WITHOUT ANY ARGUMENT!
NITWEST BANK

GET HIM, LADS!
?
HEH, HEH!
ERK! HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS?
PRESS!
PHEW! I GOT AWAY BY CHANGING INTO A VAMPIRE BAT!
FLAP!
FLAP!
FLAP!
DEATHO IS CONTROLLING THOSE MONSTERS! I'LL PUT A STOP TO THIS!
ZOOOM!
BUMP!
POP!
QUICK CHANGE BACK FROM A BAT!
GLURK!
SPLAT!
NOW TO RETURN THIS MONEY TO THE BANK!
DID YOU SEE THAT? HE CHANGED FROM A BAT TO A VAMPIRE!
AND NOW HE'S GETTING AWAY WITH THE MONEY!
EH? NO! I WAS JUST...
COME BACK HERE!
GULP! I THINK I PREFERRED IT WHEN EVERYONE WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM ME INSTEAD OF RUNNING AFTER ME!
GALLOP!
Martin Baxendale.

DEADLY HEDLEY
VAMPIRE PERIOD
WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO A MONSTERS' BALL AT COUNT DRACULA'S CASTLE TONIGHT!
HOW NICE!
AND AT THE CASTLE . . .
HERE WE ARE, AUNTY!
WELCOME TO CASTLE DRACULA!
VOT
FANCY A DANCE, HANDSOME?
COO, YEAH!
I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THE GRUB! WONDER IF THEY'VE GOT ANY PORK PIES AND TOMATO SAUCE?
BLOOD ORANGES
HUMAN FLAVOUR CRISPS
HELLO! YOU MEET SOME WEIRD CHARACTERS AT THESE MONSTERS' BALLS, BUT YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE A MONSTER!
ER? OH . . . I'M A WEREWOLF, ACTUALLY!
SOMETIMES, I TURN INTO A GHASTLY WOLF AND SOMETIMES, I'M JUST NORMAL! 'SCUSE ME!
PHUT
THERE'S SOMETHING ODD HERE! I'LL TURN INTO A BAT AND FOLLOW HIM!
AH-HA! WHAT'S HE GOT IN THAT SACK?
I'LL TRIP HIM UP AND FIND OUT!
AAGH!
ZOOM
LOOK, COUNT! I CAUGHT THIS BLOKE POSING AS A WEREWOLF, SO HE COULD GET IN AND STEAL YOUR SILVER!
HOW DID YOU GUESS?
EASY! A WEREWOLF TURNS INTO A WOLF AT THE FULL MOON! IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT, BUT HE DIDN'T CHANGE!
PHUT
RETURNING TO NORMAL
DID YOU SPOT THE CLUE, READERS?

DEADLY HEDLEY
vampire detective
HEDLEY WAS GOING HOME AFTER A DAY AT THE OFFICE...
..I'M NOT A REF OR A CRICKET UMPIRE— I'M DEADLY HEDLEY THE DREADED VAMPIRE...
STINKERTON DETECTIVE AGENCY CAR PARK
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
LIKE HEDLEY'S BIKE, FOLKS?
30 SECONDS LATER...
VROOM
CAR PARK
HMM! THAT CAR HAS BEEN BEHIND ME FOR AGES! I WONDER IF I'M BEING FOLLOWED?
VRUUM
HE MUST BE FOLLOWING ME! FAMOUS DETECTIVES ARE ALWAYS BEING FOLLOWED! I'LL SPEED UP!
ZOOM
MUST HAVE LOST HIM BY NOW!
ZOOM
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
YIKES! HE MUST HAVE TAKEN A SHORT CUT!
VROOM
VROOM
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME!
RATTLE
CLANK
LET'S SEE HIM FOLLOW ME THIS WAY! CACKLE!
VROOM
SPLOSH
THANKS TO MY VAMPIRE POWERS I CAN STAY UNDER WATER FOR AGES! I'LL COME UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER!
THAT SHOULD'VE SHAKEN... OH, NO— HE'S AHEAD OF ME!
VROOOM
VROOOM
DRIP
DRIP
HOW DID YOU GET AHEAD OF ME?
I DROVE ACROSS THE BRIDGE, DUMMY!
I'M ARTHUR THE CAR PARK ATTENDANT AT STINKERTON'S— YOU LEFT YOUR BICYCLE CLIPS BEHIND!
!
DRIP
DRIP
OH, GOOD GRIEF!
M.Barendale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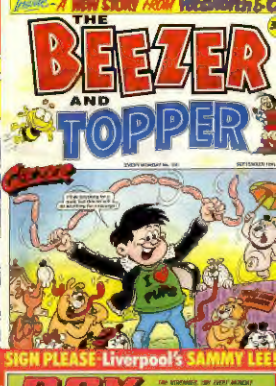
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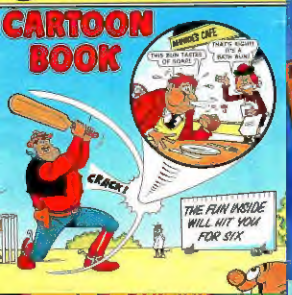
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